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Naharayim killer sentenced to life in prison

NAOUR, Jordan - A military court convicted a Jordanian soldier yesterday of killing seven Israeli schoolgirls in March and sentenced him to life in prison.

The soldier, Cpl. Ahmed Daqamsa, 26, was charged with the premeditated murder of the girls, who were shot to death during an outing in Naharayim on the Jordan River.

Daqamsa faced the death penalty, but the court handed down a life sentence because he is mentally unstable, said Brig. Maamoun Khassawneh, who presided over the five-man tribunal.

"The court found that the act was instant and there was no premeditation," he said. He added that the tribunal believed Daqamsa suffers from

an "antisocial personality disorder."

The court also convicted Daqamsa of plotting to kill Israelis since 1993, threatening to shoot his fellow soldiers the day of the attack, and disobeying army orders. As part of the sentence, he was demoted to private and dismissed from the army, Khassawneh said.

Under Jordanian law, a life sentence is equivalent to 25 years in prison at hard labor. The verdict cannot be appealed, but King Hussein has the power to reduce the sentence or cancel it.

Daqamsa, who pleaded innocent, said he fired at the schoolgirls because they mocked and disturbed him as he prayed.

Khassawneh said Daqamsa's mentally troubled state was exacerbated on the day of the shooting by the pressure of intense exhaustion. He had

been on duty for 22 hours non-stop. He added that Daqamsa also had an obsession with sex, which took hold of him when he saw the girls.

"He was in a sexually aroused state after seeing the girls and with 22 hours on duty, this worsened his personality disorder and made him unable to control himself," he said.

Daqamsa fired nearly three clips of ammunition at the girls until his gun jammed and he was overpowered by comrades.

During the seven week-trial, lawyers from his 92-member defense team told the tribunal that Daqamsa suffered from a personality disorder and that he killed the girls in a fit of rage. Doctors told the tribunal that the disorder could cause mental instability, and defense psychiatrists had said such a condition could make a sufferer unaware

of his acts.

Daqamsa stood silently in the dock as Khassawneh read the verdict, which was greeted with a sigh from the audience. In attendance were Israeli and Western diplomats, human rights activists and former government officials. Daqamsa's relatives also sat in at the 90-minute hearing at the heavily-guarded building.

Outside the courtroom, Daqamsa's 25-year-old wife, Fatima Hawameh, wept with other family members. "They are tyrants, they are cowards, they are Jews," Hawameh said of the five judges.

Jordanian Parliament member Toujan Faisal, a leftist and opponent of peace with Israel, called it "a political trial." "They wanted his head," she

said.

Jordan's Minister of State for Information Samir Mutawae said Daqamsa had received a fair trial.

David Bar-Ilan, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications director, said the trial was an internal Jordanian affair. "But we do have complete trust in the integrity and the sense of justice of King Hussein and the Jordanian courts," he said.

But Margalit Bedayev, mother of one of the dead schoolgirls, Shiri, said: "I think the court felt sorry for him. For murdering seven girls he should have received the death sentence."

"I think he'll be released for good behavior after 15 years or 10 years," she told Israel Radio. (News agencies)

Barak: No unity government

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak said yesterday the option of a national unity government is not on the agenda, and claimed he is holding discrete talks with coalition leaders and senior Likud figures to explore the possibility of toppling the government.

Barak was commenting on a meeting between National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon and former Labor Party leader MK Shimon Peres last week. Channel 1 said the two met at Peres's house and talked of possible guidelines, over which there could be a broad national consensus, as the basis for a unity government.

They also discussed setting up a Knesset bloc consisting of Labor and Likud MKs to change the direct elections law.

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Dentists' AIDS guidelines updated

By JUDY SIEGEL

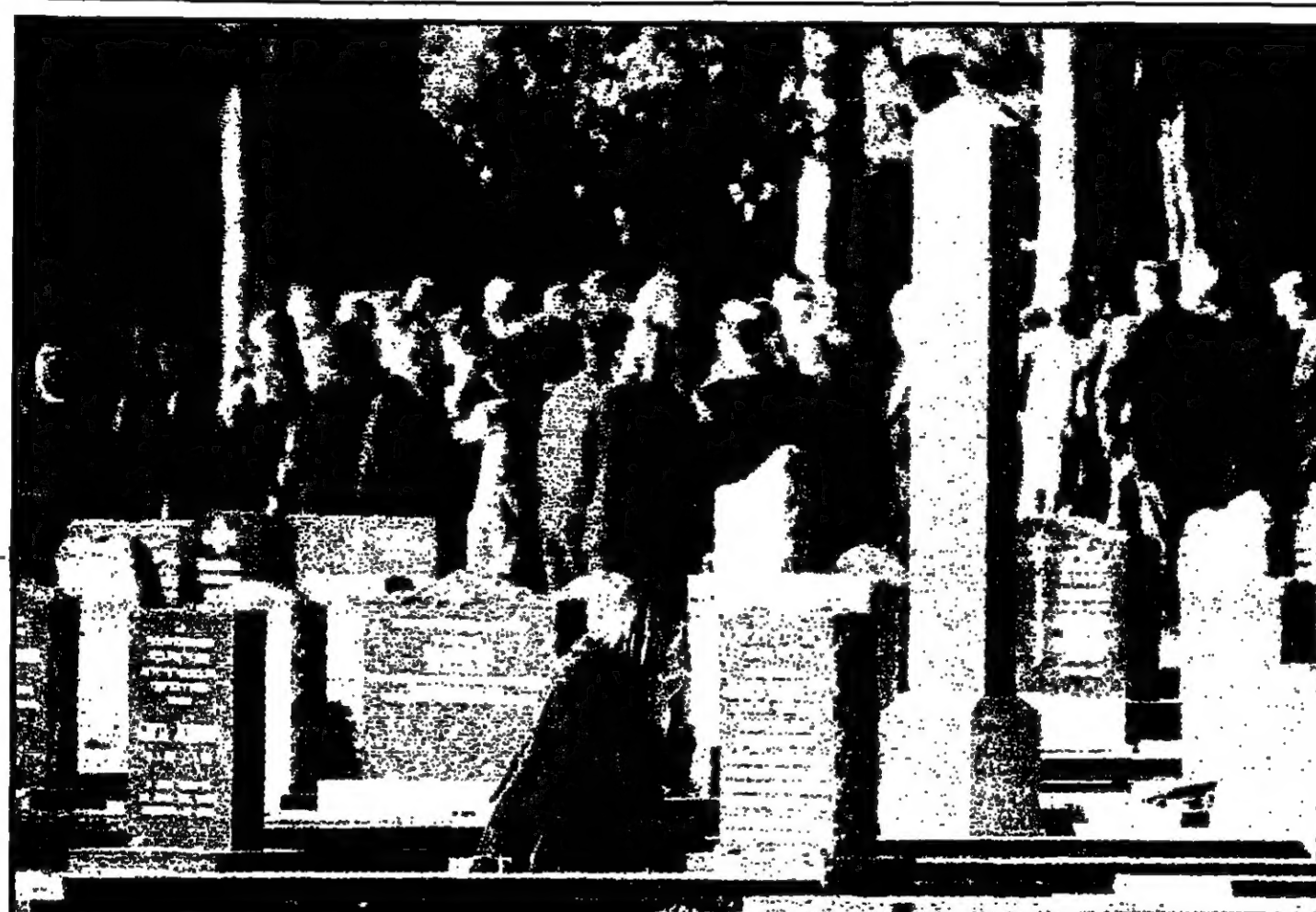
The Health Ministry has abolished guidelines requiring dentists and dental paraprofessionals to treat only at the end of their work day anyone they know or suspect to be an HIV carrier. Instead, they must take "universal precautions" with all patients to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect carriers' privacy from being violated.

This was part of a series of updated guidelines relating to AIDS and hepatitis B sent out by the ministry's dental health department to all dentists, dental assistants, dental technicians, and dental hygienists.

According to department head Dr. Moshe Kelman, requirements for disinfecting and sterilizing materials have been updated. The department will also require, or persuade, all dental professionals to receive a vaccination against hepatitis B, which can spread via blood exposure.

The clinics must have - and use - disposable gloves and masks, and wear protective goggles when necessary. The use of paper towels and as many disposable materials as possible is recommended. Implements used in the mouth should be placed on work surfaces covered with a paper napkin. A vacuum device that sucks out saliva must be used during treatment.

Kelman said that if patients know that HIV carriers are being discriminated against in a dental clinic, they may complain to his department.



A woman wipes tears from her eyes at the grave of Yehudit Bennett in Sydney, Australia, where Bennett and fellow Maccabiah athlete Greg Small were buried on Friday. Hundreds of people attended the funerals, including Israeli Ambassador Shmuel Moyal, who read a letter from Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu at Small's burial. (Reuters)

Government to review Maccabiah bridge collapse

The cabinet will today hear reports on last Monday night's bridge collapse at the opening of the Maccabiah games, and on the subsequent investigations into the mishap.

On Friday, the chairman of the Maccabiah organizing committee, Yoram Eyal, told police that the games' organizers were not involved in the building of the bridge, but had assigned the project to Irgunit, which produced the opening ceremony, and which subcontracted the bridge work to the metal works company Ben-Ezra-Kargula.

Both Eyal and Moshe Yoni, the games' producer, were ques-

tioned under caution by police and released on bail.

"We took all the necessary steps to ensure that the event would go well, including the bridge," Eyal said on Army Radio.

Contractors have said they were told to build a bridge that would hold half the standard of 500 kilograms per square meter for pedestrian bridges. But investigators said the bridge would not even have withstood that much weight.

The owners of the metal works firm, Baruch Kargula and Yehoshua Ben-Ezra, told police they had built the bridge according to the specifications provided by engineer Micha Bar-Ilan. Bar-Ilan has since retracted an

earlier statement he made to the effect that he had ordered a limit of 100 people on the bridge at any one time.

Police are still investigating whether the fact that General Security Service all-terrain vehicles had crossed the bridge before the opening ceremony contributed to its collapse.

Deputy Education and Sports Minister Moshe Peled said on Friday that all parties involved in building the bridge are responsible for the tragedy.

"As an ordinary citizen one can see that there was a failure in every link in that long chain which was involved in the construction of the bridge. You don't have to be an engineer to know

that the habit of assuming everything will be all right has trapped us once again," Peled said before visiting injured Australian athletes at Ichilov Hospital, where two remain in serious condition.

Officials have said the committee investigating the bridge collapse will submit its findings within a week, before the Maccabiah closes. The inquiry appointed by Peled had announced it would release interim findings on Friday, but Peled decided instead to wait until the entire investigation is completed.

In Sydney on Friday, ten-pin bowler Greg Small, 37, and Yehudit Bennett, 50, section manager of the men's bowling team, were buried. (News agencies)

Cabinet to debate PA Police terror

By JAY BUSHINSKY

The army's interception of three Palestinian Police officers allegedly bound for a terrorist assault against Israeli civilians last week is likely to dominate today's cabinet session, as officials described the case as a grave threat to the peace process.

Complicating this unprecedented situation are the emphatic and unequivocal denials by Palestinian Authority spokesmen, among them Planning Minister Nabil Shaath, that the three were involved in terrorism.

The PA also denied Israeli charges that the commander of the West Bank and Gaza police force, Col. Ghazi Jabali, was the mastermind directing a network of assassins recruited from among his uniformed personnel.

However, Israel Radio quoted "authoritative quarters" as saying they had incontrovertible proof that Jabali dispatched the trio and warning that an attack on Israelis "would paralyze the peace process." Unconfirmed reports yesterday told of a fourth Palestinian Police officer having been arrested by the IDF.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's political adviser, Uzi Arad, was neither mollified nor reassured by reports that the PA has appointed an investigative committee to determine whether the Israeli charges are correct.

Bearing in mind the fact that the three suspects have been in the army's custody and have undergone intensive interrogation, Arad said he has detailed information to buttress Israel's case.

Shaath publicly asked for the

officers' extradition to the PA's jurisdiction so that it can complete its probe. Disregarding this demand, Arad contended that the PA must dissociate itself from the activities attributed to the three suspects, but stopped short of saying this is an ultimatum. "The ball is in the PA's court," he said.

Last night the Palestinian Police arrested an unspecified number of suspected policemen in the case, Israel Radio reported.

The evidence obtained from the interrogation has been passed on to US diplomats and Central Intelligence Agency representatives. Israeli sources say it is regarded as "valid and disturbing" in US eyes.

"The main point is not that there were three policemen engaged in an abortive terrorist operation, but that they were linked to Col. Jabali," a source said.

Their direct commander was identified as Jihad Massim, who is the Nabulus area's senior officer in the PA chain of command under Jabali, the source said.

"And inasmuch as PA Chairman Yasser Arafat also serves as interior minister, he is Jabali's immediate superior." The source mentioned Arafat's last visit to Nabulus, a week ago, in which he was said to have asked that mass demonstrations be organized in protest against Israeli policies.

However, the local PA officials expressed doubt as to whether they would be able to mobilize large numbers of demonstrators, if only because the public seemed too tired for a mass turnout, the source said.

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Argentine Jews protest gov't failure to make bombing arrests

By STEPHEN BROWN

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) — Argentina's large Jewish community berated the government and its own leaders on Friday in bitter ceremonies to mark the third anniversary of an unsolved bomb attack on their community center that killed 86 people.

Shouts of "Murderer!" and "Traitor!" met Interior Minister Carlos Corbach, himself a Jew, outside the rebuilt AMIA community center in Buenos Aires, which was razed by a car-bomb on July 18, 1994.

About 5,000 people carrying large photos of the dead and banners demanding justice stood in silence for 86 seconds — one for each victim of one of the worst peacetime attacks on Jews in this century — then vented their anger and frustration.

The Argentine capital was also the site of a bomb attack on the Israeli embassy in 1992, in which 29 people died.

No one is under arrest for the embassy attack. In the AMIA probe, three policemen and a car thief have been charged with providing the vehicle used, and Iran has been named as the instigator, but the bombers are still at large.

Buenos Aires' Jewish community, one of the largest in the world, has held vigils every week and lobbied tirelessly for the courts and police to find the killers.

But their frustration hit a new peak on Friday, with one leader of the mourning relatives, Laura Guinsberg, accusing the Peronist government of "trying to make us scared and desperate and wear us down."

"I accuse the president of the nation, Carlos Menem, of being the accomplice" in the attack, she said in her speech, the angriest moment of the day's sad ceremonies.

Ministers, security chiefs and



Relatives of the victims of the explosion at a Jewish community center in Buenos Aires three years ago comfort each other yesterday during a protest against the government's handling of the case. (Reuters)

even the opposition leaders present were all accused of failing in their duties.

"As long as impunity exists there is more and more danger of a third attack," AMIA leader Oscar Hansman told the crowd. "This painful open wound will only heal when the culprits are discovered and punished."

Jewish community leader

Ruben Beraja, who has promised to make public a list of names of officials who have obstructed the investigations, was interrupted in his speech by angry shouts of "The names! The names! The lists! The lists!" Hundreds turned their backs on Beraja when he replied: "I don't like vendettas. I respect justice, and those names will be given at the

correct time and place."

Menem stayed away from Buenos Aires for the ceremonies, but told reporters in nearby La Plata that his government had "paid compensation and done everything it could, but now it is all in the hands of the courts."

"This criminal attack will not go unpunished, of that I do not have

the slightest doubt," he said.

His ministers tried to defend Argentina's handling of the case, with Foreign Minister Guido Di Tella comparing it to the TWA air disaster off Long Island last year that killed 230. "It is not known whether it was an accident or a bombing, but that doesn't mean the US investigation is being badly handled."



A Miami Beach police car sits in front of the Normandy Plaza Hotel late Friday. The suspected killer of fashion designer Gianni Versace is believed to have roomed at the hotel. (AP)

Police trace tracks of Versace killer

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP) — In the weeks leading up to the killing of Gianni Versace, a man who fits the description of Andrew Cunanan stayed at a Miami Beach hotel, patronized a sex store and became a regular at a local pizza place.

"He was very soft-spoken, neat and clean," hotel manager Roger Falin said Friday. "He didn't look like a night clubber, though he went out at night. Nobody seems to remember him coming back with anybody or even talking with anybody."

Cunanan, the prime suspect in Versace's slaying and four other killings, may have spent weeks at the Normandy Plaza Hotel, less than 6.5 kilometers north of the South Beach mansion where the designer was shot last week.

The guest did not register under the name Cunanan, and Falin would not say what name he used. Falin said the guest left behind some hair-cutting equipment and fashion magazines, and usually paid \$230 cash weekly for his room.

Police say Cunanan is a gay gigolo who began a cross-country killing spree in April.

An AIDS counselor in California said Friday he met with Cunanan two months before the first killing. Cunanan vowed revenge on whoever might have infected him, said Mike Dudley, a counselor at a nonprofit agency for people with AIDS and HIV.

"He became agitated and he got up and kicked the wall and said, 'I find out who did this to me, I'm going to get them,'" Dudley said.

Corporate raider Goldsmith dies at 64

PARIS (Reuters) — Anglo-French entrepreneur Sir James Goldsmith, corporate raider and anti-European, died surrounded by his family yesterday.

The 64-year-old billionaire's friend and attorney Samuel Pizar said Goldsmith, who failed in an attempt to win a parliamentary seat in Britain's May general election, suffered a heart attack at his home near Malaga in southern Spain.

"Sir James Goldsmith died of a heart attack in Spain tonight. Sir James was suffering from cancer," Pizar said.

The tall, barrel-chested Goldsmith first suffered pancreatic cancer in 1985, but a recurrence was kept secret when he led his Referendum Party in the British election. He was reported



Sir James Goldsmith

(Reuters)

to be critically ill in a hospital near Paris early last month.

The financier masterminded million-dollar Wall Street deals and made a vast fortune as one of the most astute corporate raiders of his time, with a 1986 raid on the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company among his most notorious coups.

He amassed millions of dollars by buying into companies then selling the stock for big profits after takeover speculation had boosted share prices.

Renowned for his keen sense of market timing, Goldsmith's investment motto was: "If you see a bandwagon, it's too late."

Small nuclear leak at biggest reactor

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese nuclear reactor plagued by malfunctions over the past few months leaked a small amount of radiation, but none of it was released into the air, the plant operator said yesterday.

No one was exposed to radiation in the accident at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant, said a Tokyo Electric Power Co. official. Steam containing a small amount of radioactive material leaked Friday morning from a gauge inside the unit that houses the turbine of the new No. 7 reactor at plant, the largest in the world.

The amount of radioactivity was small, equal to the natural radiation found in a 10-kilogram sack of rice, said Abe. He said the leak was confined entirely to the plant.

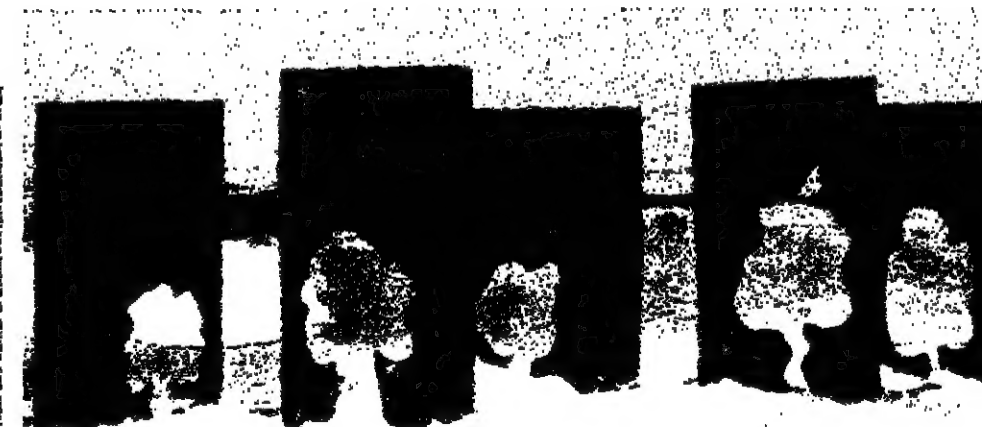
The new reactor, which started full operations this month, has suffered a series of mishaps. Trial runs were held up for 10 days in May when a tube to measure turbine pressure burst. Last Tuesday smoke was found coming from plant machinery.

The No. 7 reactor has an output capacity of 1,355,600 kilowatts. The plant is capable of producing

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LBJ tapes reveal he didn't want to run in '64

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — When Lyndon Johnson considered not seeking the 1964 Democratic nomination for president, he was beset by doubts over whether he could lead America.

"I have a desire to unite the people, and the South is against me, and the North is against me, and the Negroes are against me, and the press doesn't really have an affection for me," Johnson told his press secretary, George Reedy, the day after the Democratic Convention opened in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Johnson said America "ought to have a chance to get the best available. That's who I want my children to have, and I know that I'm not."

His discussions with Reedy and special assistant Walter Jenkins about running were among tape-recorded conversations released Friday by the Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library.

"I don't think a white Southerner is a man to unite this nation in his hour," Johnson said.

Johnson even drafted a statement saying he was "absolutely unavailable" to run. But he changed his mind after his wife, Lady Bird, sent him a note saying to step down "would be wrong for your country."

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IRA calls cease-fire, joins talks

By SHAWN POGATCHNIK

BELFAST (AP) — The Irish Republican Army announced a new "unequivocal" cease-fire yesterday, opening a fresh chapter in Northern Ireland's search for peace.

In a statement, the outlawed paramilitary group emphasized that it was restoring the 17-month truce it observed until Feb. 9, 1996 "to enhance the search for a democratic peace settlement." The new truce is to take effect at noon today.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who had promised that the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party could enter negotiations on Northern Ireland's future in September in exchange for a new IRA truce, welcomed the move as "good for the people of Northern Ireland and for the people of Britain."

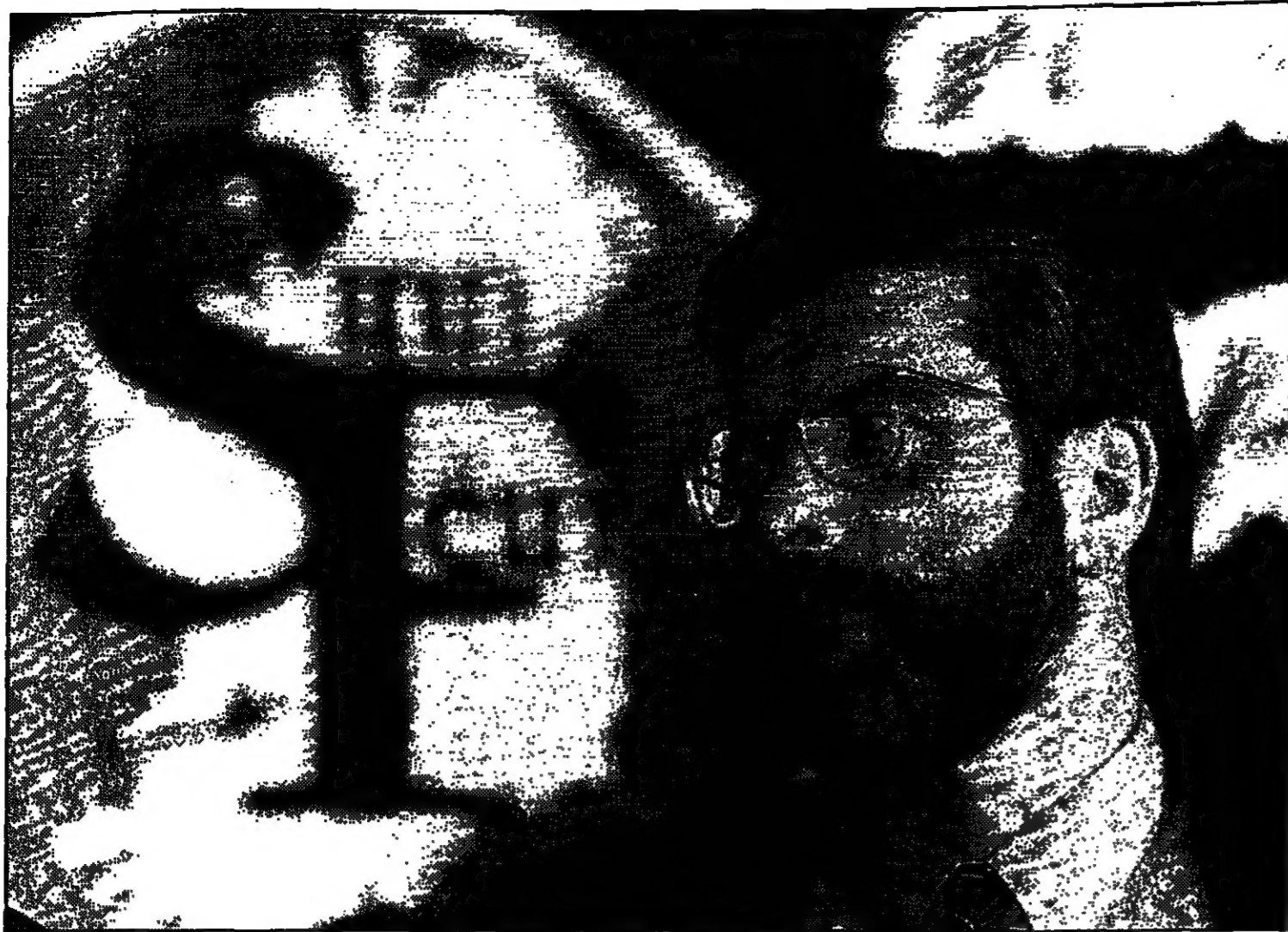
"Whether Sinn Fein will be there depends on whether the cease-fire is genuine in word and deed," Blair said in a statement from his country residence, Chequers, northwest of London.

In Dublin, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, who like Blair is recently elected, said he looked forward to Sinn Fein's admission to the talks.

The talks, sponsored by Britain and Ireland, began in June 1996 among nine parties but without Sinn Fein, because of the IRA's resumed hostilities against British rule.

Many of Northern Ireland's pro-British Protestant leaders branded the latest IRA gesture a trap, and pledged never to sit down opposite Sinn Fein. They heaped pressure on the biggest Protestant party, David Trimble's Ulster Unionists, to unify against a peace process they consider stacked against maintaining Northern Ireland's union with Britain.

"The United Kingdom Unionist Party will not be sitting down with the frontmen for the IRA murderers," said Cedric Wilson, spokesman for the small Protestant party that relentlessly



Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams speaks at a press conference in Belfast yesterday.

criticizes Trimble. "We have made it clear, time and time again, that the only conditions under which we would meet is if these people were disarmed."

Ulster Unionist ranks appeared evenly divided over whether to reject the IRA gesture or try to build on it. They must vote Wednesday on whether to accept the joint British-Irish terms for including IRA disarmament in the wider talks agenda.

Ulster Unionist lawmaker Jeffrey Donaldson complained that

Sinn Fein would be able to stay inside the talks without the IRA "handing over a single bullet." He called that "unacceptable to the majority of people in Northern Ireland" and suggested his party shouldn't sit down with Sinn Fein.

"We, as the representatives of the majority of people in Northern Ireland, surely our views ought to be taken into account. And if the train does leave the station without any of the (pro-British) unionist parties, well then, what kind of process is it going to be?"

Politicians representing the main pro-British paramilitary groups, however, said Protestants needed to take up the IRA's challenge.

David Ervine, who represents the outlawed Ulster Volunteer force in the talks, said the IRA statement was disappointing because it "did the minimum required" to earn Sinn Fein's entry.

"Having said that, I'm not jumping up and down and gnashing my teeth as others have. Because the issue now is, what will the aftermath of the cease-fire be like? Will

there be negotiations?" he said.

He urged mainstream Protestant leaders to enter talks to "flush the IRA out into the floodlights and see whether they're real."

In its statement the IRA described British rule as "the root cause of division and conflict in our country." But Sinn Fein's moderate rival for Catholic votes, the Social Democratic and Labor Party, urged Protestant leaders not to shut themselves off from talks or to "test this cease-fire to destruction."

US soldier hurt in attack by Bosnian Serbs

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — A US soldier suffered minor injuries in a bombing attack yesterday as Bosnian Serb hardliners kept up a retaliation campaign for a Western crackdown on indicted war criminals.

NATO said the man was cut by flying glass after an explosive device was lobbed at a car parked outside offices used by NATO military observers in the Serb-controlled town of Doboj.

It was the first injury caused by six consecutive days of small-scale explosions although another US soldier was slightly hurt when he was attacked with a sickle.

Three other explosions were reported overnight elsewhere in Bosnia's Serb entity, NATO spokesman Major John Blakeley said.

A "grenade-like device" was thrown at a car park for heavy vehicles at a NATO base in Mrkonjic Grad. No one was injured.

In the northwest town of Prijedor, two hand grenades detonated after midnight near apartments of international police monitors, causing minor damage.

Serb leaders are outraged over a NATO swoop last week against

two Serbs wanted for war crimes. British soldiers detained and extradited one suspected war criminal in Prijedor last week and shot dead another who resisted and opened fire. Both men were indicted by the UN war crimes tribunal in the Netherlands.

Meanwhile, Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic said she would not shy away from arresting her nationalist hardline rivals, led by indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic.

"The constitution gives me the right to deploy the army or the police — as a last resort," Plavsic told the German magazine *Der Spiegel* in an interview to be published tomorrow.

She said Karadzic, the former Bosnian Serb leader, and his supporters had been involved in corruption, helping dozens of companies dodge massive amounts of customs duty.

Asked why she did not simply arrest the culprits, she replied: "I will not be deterred from doing that, if it is the last chance to save our people." But she added such arrests would be difficult to carry out.

Annan names French singer Macias as goodwill envoy

French singer Enrico Macias, 58, whose songs often preach reconciliation between Jews and Arabs, was named on Friday by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as his first goodwill ambassador. Macias, who was born and raised in Algeria and draws large audiences to his concerts in France and elsewhere, is meant to bring the message of the United Nations to a broader audience. He sings in French, Arabic and Hebrew and has sold about 50 million records around the world.

Reuters

Mir to get new crew for repairs

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian space officials broke the news to the three tired men aboard the Mir space station yesterday: They will go back to Earth without completing a critical repair mission, leaving the job for their replacements.

The decision takes some pressure off the Russian-American

crew, which has expressed determination to make the complicated repairs despite showing signs of stress.

Apparently seeking to soften the blow, Mission Control officials set up a special satellite video link with the station, enabling them to have more than 30 minutes of face-to-face com-

munication with the two Russians and one American.

"They reacted with understanding, although on a purely human level I understand full well that they were, of course, upset," Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov told reporters afterward.

The repair operation is needed to fix damage caused earlier in the crew's tour of duty when a cargo ship collided with the Mir, punching a hole in one module and causing the station to lose half its power.

"They would have liked to do more and they are feeling sorry and disappointed. But they are reasonable people and they understand that it was the right decision," Solovyov said.

He added that he told them not to blame themselves for the collision — one of many mishaps to befall the orbiting outpost over the last six months. "You, the crew, have done quite a lot," he said. "A lot of experience has been gained. There is no need to engage in self-flagellation."

The decision, which is to be formalized tomorrow, likely means French astronaut Leopold Eyharts will have to postpone

his scientific mission originally scheduled for launch with the new crew on Aug. 5.

"That poor guy," one Mir crew member was overheard saying to Mission Control about the Frenchman.

"He's gone through so much. It's a shame."

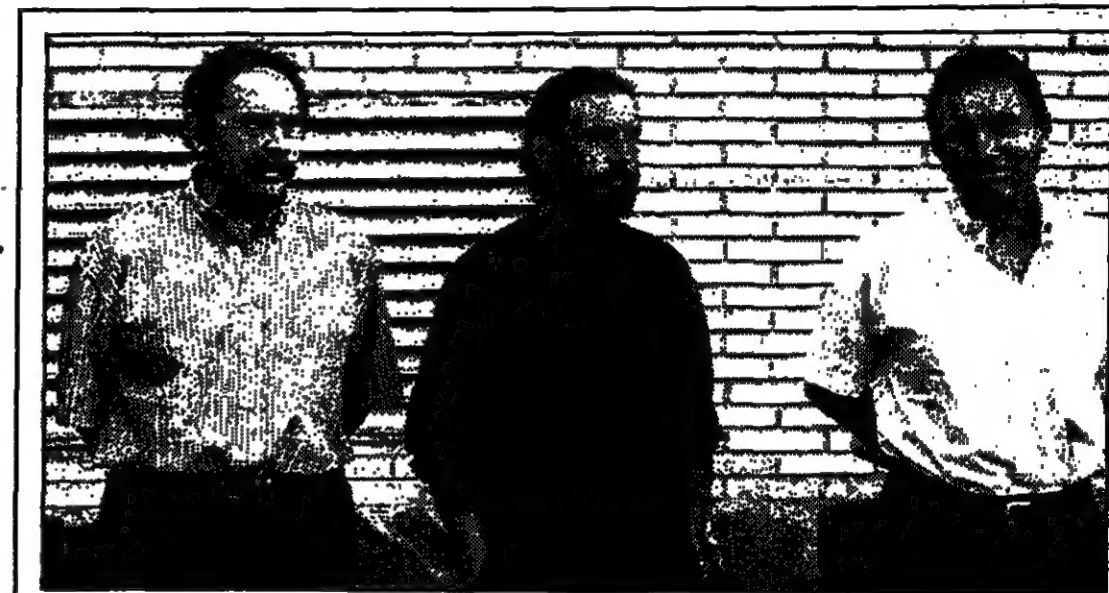
Solovyov explained that the French experiments would take more time and energy than the hobbled station can provide until it regains full power.

"Until we restore all these things, it's useless to carry out the French research program," he said.

Eyharts was to conduct experiments on the effects of low gravity on human and animal physiologies. If the Frenchman's mission is canceled, the program, code-named Pegasus, will take place early next year.

Mir commander Vasiliy Tsibilyev, meanwhile, was to undergo a medical examination today, including an electric cardiogram, to determine if the uneven heartbeat he had reported was back to normal.

The commander was reported last week to be suffering from stress because of the mission's failures.



Jailed ETA terrorists Luis Gorriti, Luis Gaston, and Juan Soares speak out yesterday at a prison in Vitoria, Spain, against the recent violence by their separatist comrades.

Terrorists: ETA's going too far

MADRID (AP) — National outrage over the murder of a young politician is so widespread that even members of the group behind the slaying are protesting. One of them went on hunger strike. In what may signal a serious internal fracture, imprisoned members of the Basque separatist group ETA joined in the near-universal condemnation of last week's kidnapping and slaying of a

young ruling party politician, Miguel Angel Blanco. "I condemn your crimes, your tortures. We're fed up with you," Juan Soares, an inmate at the prison of Nanclares de Oca, said Friday.

"In 12 days you have managed to accumulate more hate than in 38 years of terrorism," he said, reading from a statement, urging the outlawed group to renounce its violent campaign.

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Germans impound neo-Nazi CD music

STUTTGART (Reuters) — Police in southern Germany said on Friday they confiscated 45,000 CDs of racist songs by suspected neo-Nazi rock bands calling for violence against foreigners.

A 29-year-old man from the city of Ulm was detained on suspicion of selling the CDs in Germany and abroad.

The CD covers had Nazi symbols and swastikas — insignia which are outlawed in Germany. Police said the texts could incite racial hatred — a criminal offense. During the raids in Ulm, Biberach and Esslingen last Monday and Tuesday they also confiscated illegal swastika flags.

In a drive to clamp down on neo-Nazi propaganda and activities Germany has secured several high-profile convictions, including that of US neo-Nazi Gary Lauck, jailed for four years in 1996 for inciting racial hatred in Germany.

But the authorities are becoming particularly concerned about an increase in the use of rock music recordings and concerts to convey a neo-Nazi message of racial hatred.

Doctors' PET

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Israel may or may not have nuclear bombs — but one of its hospitals in Jerusalem does have a new nuclear "weapon" for peaceful purposes. The country's first medical cyclotron, which changes atoms or molecules of common elements into short-lived isotopes, has been installed to provide better diagnoses of diseases and enable research into the functioning of the heart, brain and tumors.

Nuclear medicine and medical biophysics specialists at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem have been waiting two years for the installation of the \$2-million particle accelerator to make their PET (positron emission tomography) scanner fully operable.

The cyclotron uses electromagnets to change atoms of oxygen or nitrogen and molecules of glucose into isotopes with half-lives of only a few minutes; these are injected into the patient, attaching themselves to fats, amino acids, sugars, oxygen or water in the body, and emitting radiation picked up by

the hospital's PET scanner. With such a short half-life, the isotopes decay harmlessly after the scan, allowing additional scans to be performed on the same patient repeatedly without any harm from radiation. Longer-lasting isotopes have

"One of the newest trends in medicine today is looking inside the body without being invasive... The PET and its cyclotron fit well into this."

until now been flown in from abroad or produced in the Nahal Sorek Medical Research Center, but since some, such as oxygen, are potent for only a few min-

utes, they have to be produced adjacent to the PET. Until the cyclotron was installed, these special diagnostic tests and research studies could not be conducted in Israel.

There are only 100 medical cyclotrons around the world — 20 of them in the US and only one of them in our "neighborhood" — Saudi Arabia. But Hadassah's \$10-million Human Biology Research Center — the 20-year-old dream of Prof. Henri Atlan, a philosopher-scientist and first director of the hospital's medical biophysics and nuclear medicine department who received the French Legion of Honor for his work — is the only one of its kind between Paris and Tokyo.

"This is a momentous day for us," declared Hadassah Medical Organization director-general Prof. Shmuel Penchas, who has been involved in the project from its early stages. "One of the newest trends in medicine today is looking inside the body without being invasive," says Prof. Roland Chisin, who succeeded Atlan as head of the department. "About a third of all medicine today involves imaging. The PET and its cyclotron fit well into this."

The cyclotron was installed in a specially designed underground wing with five-meter-thick walls to prevent the escape of radiation. The Environment and Health ministries set strict guidelines for its operation, including a device that removes all the air in the room within seconds; the unit's half-dozen staffers walk around with sensitive tags to detect any accumulated radiation. Hadassah intends to sell glucose isotopes produced by the cyclotron to other hospitals for their less-advanced imaging machines, and patients who need the sophisticated PET scanner are expected eventually to be referred to Hadassah for specialized evaluations.

The PET, manufactured by the Positron Corporation in Texas according to a customized design ordered by hospital experts, provides data on ongoing biochemical processes in the human body — instead of the static "snapshot" offered by the MRI (magnetic resonance), CT (computerized tomographer),

ultrasound, and conventional X-rays. Each of these technologies has its own advantages and disadvantages, providing an answer of perhaps 70 percent accuracy. Scientists are now working on ways to integrate all of them, producing a super-scanner that would offer the benefits of each type of machine and provide answers that will be close to 100% accurate.

While other imaging equipment reflects the structure of organs and tissues, the PET works in the realm of cell metabolism. Each of the trillions of cells in the body functions like an organized chemical factory, able to break down food into tiny molecules.

If scientists attach radioactive tracers to groups of these molecules, they can scan the areas and measure physiological and pathological processes as they occur. By tagging and imaging

sugars, for example, they can measure glucose consumption. When this is done to amino acids, protein synthesis is examined; and when oxygen and water are tagged, they can observe blood flow.

Hadassah doctors can find out whether heart muscle damaged by coronary artery disease is completely dead. "This cannot be determined accurately on the basis of an MRI or a CT scan. If the muscle merely needs to recover its ability to pump blood, clearing the coronary arteries by angioplasty (balloon therapy) or performing bypass surgery could save the patient's life; if the heart muscle is irreversibly damaged, such action would be dangerous, costly and ineffective."

After cancer therapy, a tumor often remains the same size rather than shrinking. Part of the organ may be scar tissue —

meaning that the therapy has been successful — but ordinary scans can't make the distinction. A PET can differentiate between scar tissue and cancerous cells (by monitoring glucose consumption and blood flow), and it also identifies secondary cancers that have split off.

Other applications include finding the focal point in the brain of some types of epilepsy; if accurately detected, it can be destroyed and the patient cured. Neurosurgery too will benefit from PET scans.

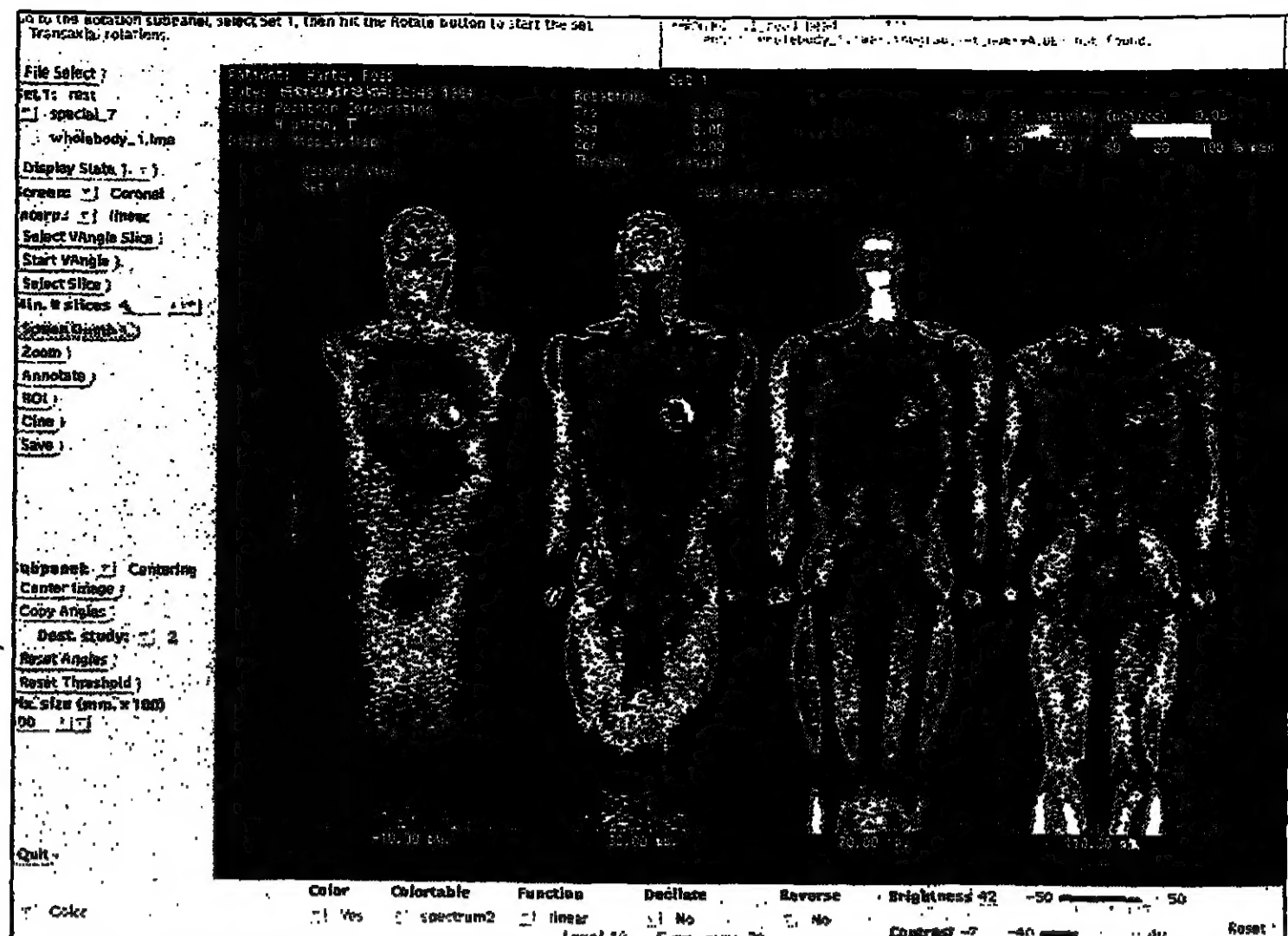
Until now, patients undergoing complicated spinal operations have had to be awakened from anesthesia several times and asked if they have sensation and then be put under again to ensure that no damage is caused to their spinal cord.

But if the PET is used in the operating theater, it can determine whether the spinal cord is

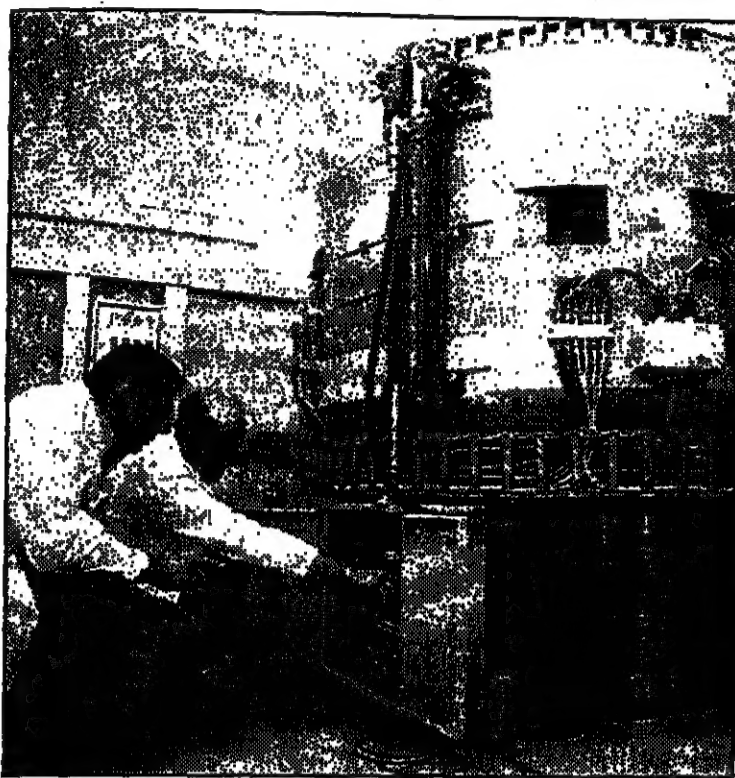
functioning normally without waking the patient up during surgery.

The PET can accurately diagnose Alzheimer's disease, which conventionally can be diagnosed with 100 percent accuracy only from a postmortem examination of the brain. It may also revolutionize psychiatry by improving understanding of disturbed-brain physiology and monitor the effects of drugs on mental illness.

Chisin and his deputy, Dr. Eyal Mishani, note that, for the time being, their PET will be used solely for clinical research. Gradually, it will be introduced as a diagnostic tool for patients, but it will not be used routinely like the CT or MRI. This step cannot be taken without the Health Ministry including it in the "basket of health services" covered by the national health insurance system and setting official prices.



PET scan mapping of the body, used to seek out tumors.



Prof. Roland Chisin (left) and Dr. Eyal Mishani with Hadassah-University Hospital's new medical cyclotron — the first in Israel. (Avi Hayom)

Rx FOR READERS

Antibiotic resistance

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

I suffer from chronic sinusitis. When I get an attack, conventional antibiotics sometimes handle it, but slowly, and then the doctor eventually gives me more powerful antibiotics, which end it. She explained that she doesn't want to go straight to the use of the more powerful (and, undoubtedly, much more expensive) antibiotics so that "my body doesn't build up resistance to the powerful kind." I always thought that bacterial resistance to antibiotics was in the population at large, and not in an individual. Is this true? B.T., Jerusalem.

Rivka Shouval, acting deputy director of the division of pharmacy at Hadassah-University Hospital in Jerusalem's Ein Kerem, comments:

When antibiotics are overused — taken by patients who don't have

the specific bacterial infections for which they're intended — they kill off weaker bacteria and stronger bacterial strains survive, producing resistance. This phenomenon is in a population and not in the individual. We increasingly get reports of patients who have common bacterial infections that don't respond to conventional antibiotics that a few years ago knocked them out. But, if one person takes a powerful antibiotic once, it doesn't mean that the same type of bacterial infection months later will not respond to the medication.

I presume that the reason your doctor prefers to start out with the cheaper antibiotics is two-fold: economic and medical. Because of the health funds' deficits, the insurers try to use the cheapest medications possible, even though more expensive ones are more suited to the condition. Prescribing many of

the more advanced antibiotics requires written approval by medical bureaucrats in the health funds. In addition, she may have a policy of minimizing use of advanced antibiotics out of concern that overuse could cause bacterial resistance to them in the population. But her claim about resistance in the individual is not correct.

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HEALTH SCAN

Tracking genes

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

A network of physicians around the country will collect blood samples from certain patients, with their permission, to help a French company study parts of the human genome and develop drugs for specific diseases.

The Haifa Technion has signed a two-year cooperation agreement with the GENSET company in Paris for the collection and analysis of DNA samples via the Technion's Temkin Lab for Molecular Human Genetics Research. GENSET hopes to register patents on genes and develop drugs in strategic partnerships with pharmaceutical companies. Among its partners has been Jensen Pharmaceuticals, which has been working on discovering genes linked to schizophrenia, and a company which is working on the genetic link to prostate cancer.

The lab will take samples from individual patients and families who suffer from certain common diseases, including cancer, bone disorders, cardiovascular problems and disorders of the central nervous system, says lab director Dr. Nadine Cohen-Elbaz. Clinical and epidemiological data will also be collected.

Special effort will be made to

examine the genetic makeup of homogeneous populations, such as Arabs, Druze, and Jews of Moroccan, Ethiopian and Yemenite extraction. These ethnic groups could be an important key to analyzing the connection between certain genes and the tendency to contract certain diseases.

Cohen-Elbaz says the work will be conducted in accordance with the highest standards of privacy and medical ethics.

BREATHING EASIER IN HAIFA

The air quality in Haifa and environs will be the focus of interdisciplinary clinical studies at Rambam Hospital. The Haifa hospital will examine the breathing difficulties of patients who suffer from chronic respiratory disorders. According to Rambam experts, air quality in the area has improved significantly in recent years due to strict laws and regulations affecting polluters, and the establishment of sophisticated monitoring stations. Nevertheless, doctors say they lack scientific data on the connection between air quality and respiratory problems of the population.

Rambam's Dr. Mordechai Yagiel and Prof. Ami Rubin, in cooperation with Prof. Noam

Gavriel of the Technion's medical school, head a team for research that is expected to have far-reaching implications on public policy. They are especially seeking lung patients living in Nevveh Sha'an and Nesher; anyone interested in participating may call (04) 854-2650 during morning hours.

COPAXONE IN BASKET

Patients who have been diagnosed with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis will now be able to get Copaxone or Avonex interferon-beta from their health fund with a doctor's prescription. The two expensive drugs, which have been found to reduce the frequency and severity of attacks in some patients, are to be included in the basket of health services, according to a recent decision by the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee.

Until now, only betaseron (a non-genetically engineered form of interferon, imported by Agila) was covered by the health funds. Patients will not be able to take more than one of the drugs. If, despite a year of treatment, the patient's condition deteriorates, the supply of the drug to the patient will be discontinued. Copaxone is manufactured by Teva and Avonex is made abroad by Biogen.

Making the most of memories

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Memory is not something to be taken for granted, as Alzheimer's sufferers and their families know all too well. People who have no trouble remembering the distant past or where they left their eyeglasses, or even where they live, don't appreciate how losing one's memory can affect mood and self-confidence.

"I used to think that pain was the worst thing for an old person to bear, but I was wrong," says Bernice Schwartz, a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist. Schwartz recently launched the country's first English-language "memory club" for those suffering from various degrees of dementia or cognitive disabilities due to Parkinson's disease or a stroke. "What they most fear is losing control — the fear of the unknown. That is much more terrifying than pain."

Schwartz, who came on aliyah from Boca Raton, Florida, 10 months ago with her husband and three children, was eminently prepared for coordinating a memory club. A graduate of the San Jose State University School of Social Work, with a psychology degree from Indiana University, and extra courses in nursing and therapeutic counseling, Schwartz worked for many years in US hospitals and geriatric institutions as a bedside social worker. "That means I'm somebody who listens. I listen for strengths. Every human being has skills, even if they're very frail and disabled."

When acquaintances heard of her credentials, they recommended that she meet Leah Abramowitz, coordinator of Melabev (Community Clubs for Impaired Elderly). After a short meeting, Abramowitz immediately mobilized her for the establishment of a twice-weekly English-language memory club in the capital on the model of the thrice-weekly Hebrew-speaking one, plus a support group at Shaare Zedek Hospital for patients' families.

Schwartz notes that some physicians fail to appreciate the consequences of their instructions that an elderly patient at the onset of dementia be sent away to an institution. "These are people who have kept their toothbrush in the same place for 60 years; doctors must understand what it means for them to suddenly leave home and move to a geriatric institution."

There are 26 types of dementia, notes Schwartz, but Alzheimer's disease — the incurable progres-



Melabev's daycare center for the elderly has an English-language "memory club."

sive disease that is reaching epidemic proportions because of an aging population — is responsible for more than half of all dementias.

During the earlier stages, patients can be helped to remain at home under family supervision if they are taught to cope with growing forgetfulness. That's where the memory club comes in.

Schwartz goes along on the minibus that collects the participants who can't get to the club — a renovated shelter in the Givat Mordechai quarter — by themselves. "I call each of them the night before to remind them. It gives them assurance and they look forward to it. And when they see my familiar face on the bus, they immediately relax, even though none of them could tell me the phone number or address of the club and some can't even remember where they're going."

They arrive about 9 a.m. and eat a full breakfast, taking part in activities until 12:30, when the minibus takes them home.

Although memory loss can't be cured, patients can be helped to retain more of their memories, says Schwartz. "The trick is to use as many of your senses as possible. If you tend to forget where you put your keys, the next time

you put them down, etch in your memory the way it looks, the touch of the metal and say out loud exactly where you have placed them. Concentrate and analyze why you're putting them in a certain place. This exercise can really help."

The club also has the use of a computer, with programs specially designed to promote short-term memory in older people. Other activities include shmoozing, arts and crafts, family and holiday celebrations and discussions of their problems. "It isn't a day-care center for the elderly, but a memory club to learn to enhance memory."

Schwartz finds that before too long, participants regain their self-confidence. "Their personalities begin to come out and shine, and their sense of humor comes back because their anxieties are reduced. And, wonder of wonders, when this happens, their memory starts to come back, as if a fog had lifted. This part is very satisfying for the staff and the volunteers who run the club."

Elderly people are very hard to please, she continues. "To please a child, you just have to give him a cookie and a balloon. If I did that with my club members, they'd laugh me out of the place. You have to earn their respect."

Running the club in the English-speaking participants' native tongue is important, even if they know some Hebrew. "Because we're dealing with memory, using the primary language is vital," she stresses.

A day's participation at the Melabev club, including transportation and lunch, costs NIS 75, but "people whose condition gives them eligibility under the Nursing Law are subsidized, and we've never turned anyone away because of an inability to pay." Funding also comes from the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry, the Jewish Agency and the Jerusalem Municipality.

In September Bernice Schwartz will be holding a series of free workshops in Jerusalem on how memory works and how age affects it, and will offer tips for improving memory. For further information, contact (02) 655-5049. Volunteers for the club and other Melabev activities will be warmly welcomed.

Clarification: Regarding the *Futurekids* article that appeared last week, Gail Fishbein overcame her nervousness without the help of a tranquilizer, and not as written.

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Keep cutting

Almost every year about this time it is discovered that the revenue estimates on which the budget was based were too rosy, and that the budget must thus be cut to reach the deficit reduction targets. Behind the scenes, debate is currently raging in professional circles as to whether a cut should be made now or postponed because of the slowdown in growth. It would be a major mistake, however, to lose the momentum of budget reduction, which is a necessary prerequisite to more fundamental reform aimed at reducing the size of government.

Just before former finance minister Dan Meridor's resignation, there was reported agreement at the top to cut the budget by NIS 600 million. Now reports are of an NIS 800m. cut, of which about NIS 180m. would cover the \$50m. Israeli pledge to the US-sponsored international fund to aid Jordan.

Finance Ministry officials reportedly believe that even if this cut passes, the budget deficit will exceed the target mandated in the Deficit Reduction Law, which is set for this year at 2.8 percent of the gross domestic product — almost NIS 10 billion. Though the deficit reduction is set by law, it is a law that is honored mainly on paper when the budget is drafted. What happens when the projections turn out — surprise, surprise — to have been optimistic is another matter.

Judging from his initial interviews, Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman intends to use the moral force of the law to keep ministers' budgetary appetites in line, even though the mandated deficit targets are not backed up with any sanctions. In his first statements, and indeed by reputation, Ne'eman is a match for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel in his free-market orientation in general and his commitment to combat inflation in particular.

If the relatively small budget cut fails to go through as planned this week it will, of course, be a major failure and a bad sign of things to come.

The bigger question, however, is not this budget cut, but the roughly NIS 4b. cut that is reportedly on the cards for the 1998 budget.

The small cut on the table now, coming on top of the NIS 7.2b. cut made at the beginning of the year, is perhaps the last that can sensibly be accomplished in an across-the-board manner, without making hard choices. Short-term sav-

ings can be achieved by trimming the budget tree around the edges but there comes a point where real pruning cannot be avoided.

Though it is possible to find some countries with more bloated governments that make us look good, there is no denying that the Israeli government is too large, too paternalistic, and too burdensome on the economy. The series of cuts pushed through by the Netanyahu government, if they continue, will in themselves amount to a mini-revolution in Israeli budget policy which deserves credit. And if the government succeeds in accruing roughly NIS 7b. in revenues from privatizations by the end of this year, as planned, it will have accomplished something meaningful by any standard.

But for Israel to reach the promised land of sustainable high growth, low inflation, low unemployment, lower taxes and higher wages, there must be a structural change in the government's relationship to the economy and society. That change can only come about if the government decides what it should not be doing at all, or should be doing differently, rather than just doing less of what it has always done.

The big ticket items that should be examined with an eye to radical change are: the system of incentives for foreign investment, the health care system, subsidized mortgages (which tend to boost housing prices), the education system and numerous other social services. In each case, it is not a matter of abandoning the objectives of the current system, but of reaching those objectives more effectively and efficiently by integrating market mechanisms with government's legitimate regulatory role.

Israel is today a country with a split economic personality. On the one hand, it is a dynamic economy, poised for the 21st century, with almost as many high-tech start-ups as the United States. On the other, it is a land in which about one in three workers still depends on the public sector for their livelihood, and in which the government retains a very paternalistic relationship to society.

The objective should not be for the free market half of the Israeli psyche to vanquish its big government side in total defeat. Israel, like any nation but certainly as a Jewish nation, has its own unique culture and values that must be reflected in its economic system. The danger of the moment is not, however, that the revolution will go too far, but that it will never be tried in earnest.



Where's the romance?

DOUGLAS DAVIS

Let's call a decent halt to all this stone-casting and sermonizing about adultery — in the military, in civilian life. Let's speak the truth, for once: Adultery (broadly defined) can be good for you.

Taken in the right doses for the right reasons, it can cure a long list of otherwise intractable ills that might derail job performance and even put a country's troops at risk: loneliness, despair, depression, overeating, lack of exercise, boredom and prostitution.

Infatuation — brief or prolonged — energizes both men and women, improves diet and muscle tone, prolongs life and productivity. It even stimulates the sacred fire market: Lovers spend freely on gifts, travel, clothes and restaurants.

Now you and I know this is true. But the hypocritical ranters who were eager to court-martial Lt. Kelly Flinn and keep Gen. Joseph W. Ralston out of the Joint Chiefs job (which he surely deserved) ignore this inconvenient fact of life and love. They ignore it in keeping with the tradition imposed by our hypocritical Anglo-Saxon-based society that has been lying about the A-word for centuries.

Right now the military and the media are bringing out the worst of all this in us. Witness the overheated condemnation of the Frank Gifford-Kathie Lee Gifford affair.

The very word "adultery" is triggering automatic indignation from too many Americans. Dipping our noses in deep blue paint, we're court-martialing, firing and defaming (in one editorial column after another) every lover or alleged lover in sight, no matter how admirable he or she might be as soldier, educator, preacher or pol. no matter how serious the union — witness 2nd Lt. William Kite's marriage and impending fatherhood.

For sure, we know that a sweet percentage of those casting the first stone indulge in the "sin" themselves, according to most studies of sexual behavior (from one-third to one-half of American married men and women, depending on the pollster).

And, of course, we know that highly placed members of Congress, editors, fundamentalists, presidents and even the founding fathers committed adultery, often with beneficial results.

Instead, we victimize the hard-working middle class with a deluge of posturing moralism, spiced

with calls for punishment. "The offenses warrant a trial by court-martial," said Kite's superior, outraged that Kite tried to keep his "fraternizing" with Airman Rhonda Kutzer to himself.

Common sense calls on us to link our overly lurid definition of adultery or "fraternization" with post-industrial reality rather than medieval fantasy. We must accept the obvious truth — granted by many religions — that the coupling of married and married or unmarried

The Affair is the A-word for the 1990s. Let 'adultery' belong to the courts and to the church

ried and married — or even unmarried professional — lovers is wildly diverse. At best, it can be judged only on a case-by-case basis.

IN the past, adultery has led to lasting, happy unions between otherwise miserable persons, whose "marriages" are failing. Bob Dole is but one of many high-placed examples of this transformation — an A-branded divorcee who upgraded to a power marriage.

We need a different verbal umbrella to cover the private actions of civilized men and women. This umbrella has to honor the fundamental needs for romance and for intimacy — needs that all cultures have celebrated in song, story, myth and fact.

But, alas, the word "romance" won't cut it today as an appropriate label for civilized indiscretion. Once the staple of popular novels, music and movies, we rarely hear praise of the R-word any more. Indeed, the reverse is true. The term "compulsive heterosexuality" is a staple of campus-based women's studies, while Hollywood serves up one aggressive, weapon-toting heroine after another, from Sharon Stone to Kathleen Turner to Demi Moore.

Let's move Frenchward in this crisis. I propose a return to a brighter, happier A-word, the Affair. Sourced in a Latin root that simply means "to do," that is, to act, it

gets rid of the moral and legal baggage that weighs on "adultery." The Affair is something we have a right to try, if the times and the need requires. It implies delight rather than dishonor.

It implies delicacy and caring rather than simply consummation. The Affair is the A-word for the 1990s. Let "adultery" belong to the courts and to the church, where it properly can be wielded by those rightly injured parties in pursuit of compensation, custody of kids or freedom (from an earlier vow accepted by both parties).

A respect for this right of private action is surely why the French, Latin and Indian cultures rarely fume over the love lives of their leaders. Respect for privacy is why the mistress of the late French President Francois Mitterrand was allowed a place at his funeral beside his widow.

In the current hysteria, we are not only violating this sacred right. We are destroying the appeal of military and public life to high-spirited young men and women. We're swimming upstream, battling the irreversible demographic and social waves of the future: In our highly educated, multiracial American society, the old taboos simply won't take beyond a small minority. Nearly half of American babies — conceived by millions of professional white as well as African- and Hispanic-American adults — are born to single or unmarried parents.

Therefore! Enough slinging of A-words at fellow Americans. If their actions don't agree with your standards, let them be, as long as they don't intrude on your life.

Private citizens have at least the same rights as the producers of violent, sex-baiting films. No wonder embattled US Defense Secretary William Cohen now wants to set up a commission to study the perquisites of "consensual sex."

The blue-nosed *Wall Street Journal* in a recent, highly publicized editorial finds this ludicrous. But you and I aren't laughing. We're deadly serious. We want our right to private action back, as long as it does not harm others.

Call it adultery if you insist. Call it an affair, if you care. But let us make love, if we must.

The writer, a Fulbright scholar, writes and lectures on the media, arts and society. (Newsday)

Happy 100th

RUTHIE BLUM

The families of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders from all over the capital — including this proud mother — recently swarmed into the Jerusalem Theater to watch 750 budding Barishnikovs strut their stuff in a celebration of 100 years of Zionism aptly called "If you will it..."

As the lights dimmed and the curtain rose, a massive poster of Theodor Herzl appeared. The show began.

Each dance was done by a different afterschool program; each portrayed a different aspect of Zionism and life in Israel. In skirts between dances kids read from a giant book of Herzl's writings, while the "father of Zionism" kibitzed with them from his perch on high.

"If you will it, it is no dream." The first time I heard that phrase was in the US in 1967. I was nine, attending sleep-away summer camp for the first time. That was the summer of the Six Day War. Herzl Camp was like any other Jewish camp, totally focused on the State of Israel. Israel's flag was raised every morning. Campers knew the words of "Hatikva" as well as, if not better, than, those of the "Star-Spangled Banner." We learned dozens of other Hebrew songs whose words were simultaneously utterly familiar and completely incomprehensible.

"If you will it, it is no dream" read the huge sign engraved on the front of the camp's main building. For all any of us understood those words, they — like the songs — could have been in Chinese.

Yet there is comfort in rote, and like a greeting-card poem memorized by the recipient or an unforgettable line from a movie, "If you will it..." became part of my consciousness. And it began to make sense when I came to live here. I thought then — and still think — that if this country is possible, anything is possible.

Now my children spew out Herzl's words on demand; but they no more understand its

Our kids danced to celebrate a century of Zionism, but the real show was in the audience

meaning that I did 30 years ago. But unlike me, for whom Israel symbolized the good and glorious (the Six Day War victory, the Entebbe rescue), my children are growing up with the reality of Lebanon, with car windows reinforced against stones, with the memory of gas masks donned in sealed rooms. They live in a time when any act by Israel, retaliatory or not, is considered unnecessary aggression.

Much of the society around my children is anti-Zionist. An increasing number of their classmates — or rather their classmates' parents — expend a lot of energy delegitimizing the state. National pride is "out," national relativism "in."

And more and more of my contemporaries have come to liken the Palestinian cause to early Zionism, and Yasser Arafat to Herzl. Many began dreaming of fleeing the country altogether after Yitzhak Rabin was murdered by a fellow Jew.

SO it was with no small interest and amusement that I observed the real show at the Jerusalem Theater that day — the one going on in the bleachers.

Alongside fathers in knitted kippot and mothers wearing long skirts and head-coverings sat fathers with long ponytails and earrings accompanying mothers sporting crewcuts and toe-rings.

The crowd of parents there that day comprised pub owners and bar-hoppers, Peace Now activists and journalists, settlers and sports fans, TV addicts and concertgoers. Mixed with the Hebrew I heard English, Russian, French and Amharic. We were all ages, all colors, all political persuasions and all sexual orientations.

But for nearly two hours we were one. We oohed together and aahed together. We grinned together and got chills together. Our cameras clicked in unison. We clapped as one.

We had become members of an extraordinarily homogeneous group: Jewish parents.

Herzl may be turning in his grave over the fruit of his labors. But we Jewish mothers and fathers continue to *live* at the sight of ours, as we have always done — only now we can do it in an auditorium in the Jewish state.

As far as I'm concerned, there couldn't have been a more appropriate way to wish Zionism a happy 100th birthday.

The writer is a columnist for The Jerusalem Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ARAB PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS

Sir, — The Dry Bones cartoon of July 14 conveyed the impression that no one in the Christian world cared enough to take a stand against the Palestinian Authority, whose thugs attacked the Abraham's Oak Monastery in Hebron and violently ousted its clerics and nuns.

To the shame of the Christian world — and how we pray that this is forever something of the past — the cartoonist was accurate when he stated that "International Christian Organizations... ignored the Arab world's persecution of Jews..." However, when he said that "they're now busy ignoring the Arab world's persecution of Christians," he was not accurate, but nor was he to blame.

On July 10, the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem, which represents the views of millions of Bible-believing Christians worldwide, issued a strongly worded statement denouncing the attack. Inter alia, our statement read:

"We condemn the outrageous conduct of the Palestinian Authority police against innocent, peaceful Christian clergy and nuns. These reprehensible actions, taken upon the orders of PA Chairman

Yasser Arafat, are a blatant violation of the terms of Oslo 2, not to mention any acceptable standard of responsible government conduct.

"For years, we have been warning Christians worldwide of the dangers in entrusting Arafat and his thugs with oversight of holy sites and religious properties, especially those cherished by Christians and Jews. Sadly, our predictions are coming true. We are all aware of the PLO's history of violence and intolerance against non-Muslim peoples and properties, particularly the Lebanese Christians. That dismal past has been perpetuated by the PA under Arafat and must be challenged at once.

"The Abraham's Oak Monastery must be returned to its proper custodians. Further, Arafat and the PA must be held responsible for this serious violation of their own agreements. And we trust the leaders of Israel, the US and other countries will finally realize that it is folly and unpardonable to place the holy sites of Jerusalem in the hands of such despots and terrorists."

STAND GOODENOUGH,
International Christian Embassy Jerusalem
Jerusalem.

FULLY JEWISH

Sir, — Jaime Glotman ("Broken chord," July 2) is justifiably concerned to learn that his son, born of his former non-Jewish wife, is not legally Jewish despite a Conservative conversion. He is wrong, however, when he writes "my children are full Jews everywhere in the world except in Israel." They are full Jews nowhere in the world, not in Israel, nor anywhere else — except perhaps among Reform and Conservative rabbis.

Make no mistake about this: the matter is very much a religious one. If he is truly interested in his children's welfare and is not just seeking to sacrifice them on the altar of a political idea — i.e., if he genuinely wishes them to be universally accepted as Jews and to be able to marry normative Jews everywhere in the world — he is best advised to have them undergo an additional conversion, a proper legal, universally sanctioned and universally endorsed conversion. Anything less will leave them legally 100 percent non-Jewish, halachically prohibited as marital partners to all Jews.

MICHAEL KAUFMAN
Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 Years Ago, July 20, 1937
"The failure of the Government of Palestine to give a prompt effect to the plain hints of the Lord Peel's Royal Commission on Palestine about the liquidation of the influence of the Mufti, whom it describes as the third Government of Palestine, is the most salient fact of the whole situation," writes the London *Times* correspondent from Jerusalem.

50 Years Ago, July 20, 1947
A country-wide stoppage of work is observed by the entire Yishuv during the funeral of Mirsh Yacubovitch, 15, Mordechai Bunstein, 23, and William Bernstein, also 23, a sailor from San Francisco and the chief mate of *Exodus 1947* who were killed when British navy forced the "illegal" immigrants off their ship and transferred

them aboard three "floating cages" for deportation.

A number of British soldiers, policemen and officers are attacked throughout the country. A British soldier is killed and a number of others severely wounded by a mine in Kfar Bilu. One British constable is shot dead and two others wounded in Haifa. A curfew is imposed on Hadar Hacamel.

25 Years Ago, July 20, 1972
"No areas are barred to the Jewish settlement," Yisrael Galili, Minister without Portfolio, tells the Knesset. "The only limitations on Jewish settlement are moral ones since Israel throughout history had always paid paramount attention to the sensibilities and needs of local inhabitants."

The Soviet Union has

announced that it was bringing its military personnel home from Egypt because it had completed their function there.

15 Years Ago, July 20, 1982
US president Ronald Reagan has new ideas on Beirut stalemate, while the IDF and Palestine Liberation Organization trade RPGs, tank and light arms fire in the area.

IRA bombs kill eight, wound 51 in London.

10 Years Ago, July 20, 1987
Attorney Marc O'Connor ceases being head of the defence team in the John Demjanjuk war crimes trial. Demjanjuk will henceforth be defended by an Israeli attorney Yoram Sheftel and his American colleague, John Gill.

Alexander Zvielli



Auctioneer Greg Martin looks over the bullet-riddled shirt of the notorious outlaw Clyde Barrow. It was worn by Barrow — of 'Bonnie and Clyde' fame — when he was shot dead by police in 1934. (Reuters)

American synagogues get a facelift

By RICHARD LORANT

Architect Maurice Finegold is standing in a half-painted hallway, wondering whether the walls of Temple Emanuel are a touch too rosy.

Finegold is a stickler for detail, to be sure, but this is also where his three sons were bar mitzva and where he goes to pray every week.

Right now, the 1937 building in Newton, Massachusetts, that is home to the largest Conservative congregation in New England, some 1,400 families, is in a shambles as restoration work goes on. Finegold breaks into a grin and says, "The first time the air conditioning doesn't work right or the skylights leak, they'll bang me."

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In the past eight years, Finegold's firm Finegold Alexander and Associates, has built synagogues in Minnesota, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Nebraska, several in Massachusetts and two in Texas.

And the company is by no means alone.

"This is the biggest increase in activity since the last building boom ended in the early '60s," said Dale Glasser, who directs synagogue management for the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The organization, which represents nearly 900 Reform congregations, receives two or three calls a

week from members whose synagogues are undergoing some type of major reconstruction.

It's the same story at the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, which has 760 member congregations.

There are a number of reasons for the building boom, not least of which is the nation's healthy economy.

Many synagogues, built in the 1950s and 1960s, are old and need major overhauls of heating, plumbing and other systems.

Like other Americans, Jews continue to move from inner to outer suburbs, from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and Southwest. That migration means new congregations in places like Colorado, Texas and Arizona, and relocated ones in cities with long Jewish histories.

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The upgrades are part of a drive to attract baby boomers with young children.

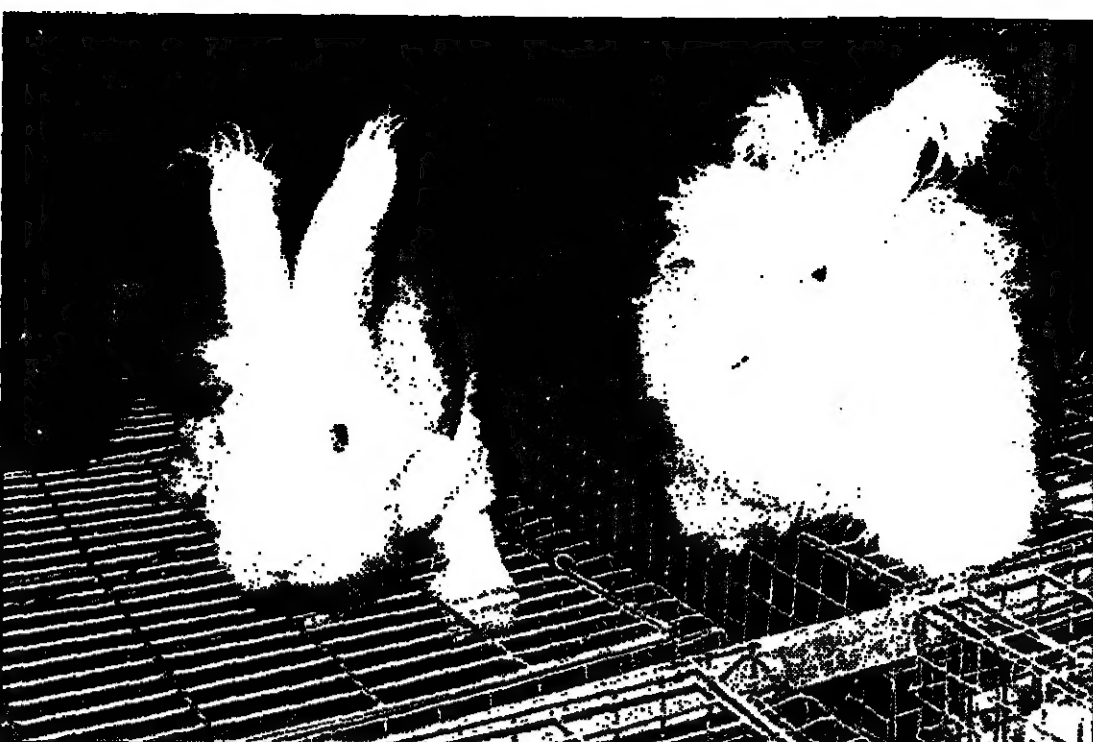
"People want something that looks new and up to date," said Rabbi Jerome Epstein, executive vice president of the United Synagogue.

The new Temple Emanuel is scheduled to be inaugurated for the High Holy Days this fall. Despite the added pressure of designing his own synagogue, Finegold wouldn't have it any other way.

"The idea of somebody else doing it was really grinding at me," he says. "This is my fantasy fulfilled."

(AP)

HEADS 'N TAILS



Angora angst

By D'VORA BEN SHAI

A teenaged reader in the center of the country writes the following: "I have four beautiful adult Angora rabbits which have given me seven baby bunnies. But there is a problem. Every few weeks they suffer from very soft, almost liquid droppings. Because of their long hair, they get very messy and I have to wash them, which they hate. It also makes them look very bad as their beautiful hair gets matted and discolored. I keep them in good, clean cages with a wire floor and I feed them lots of fresh vegetables and some rabbit-food pellets and dried bread. It seems that the young rabbits suffer the most from this. What can I do?"

The very first thing is to get your veterinarian to do a microscopic examination of the droppings and see if your rabbits have coccidiosis.

This is a small bacteria cum parasite that often afflicts rabbits. If they are infected, the vet will prescribe something to clear up the infection.

There is a danger, however, that they will become infected again once the course of medicine is finished.

Be careful not to feed the rabbits too many fresh green vegetables. I know that rabbits are traditionally known as eaters of lettuce and cabbage etc., but overfeeding a rabbit on this diet can actually encourage digestive disturbances such as you describe.

Get some good quality hay - alfalfa, baka or peanut hay is best - and give them as much as they want. Give them plenty of rabbit-food pellets and if you must feed them bread, then bake it until it is dry and crisp. This diet creates an alkaline intestinal environment, preventing the acidic state that encourages the growth of coccidia.

Of course, if you reduce the amount of vegetables you feed your rabbits, be sure to give

them water bottles so they have plenty of liquid and don't forget salt. To make salt blocks, take the lid of a jam jar and pack it full with very slightly moistened salt. Put a small piece of wood, like a matchstick, in the center, and cut a piece of cardboard covered with waxed paper or aluminum foil so that it just fits into the lid.

Put a stone or other weight on it and dry the moistened salt in the sun for two or three days. Take it in at night so it doesn't collect dew, as salt collects any available moisture. When the block is hard, take it out of the lid, remove the matchstick and you will have a small, firm wheel of salt that can be hung in the cage and which the rabbits will lick if they need salt.

Lack of salt is one of the main reasons why well-fed rabbits develop slowly and fail to gain weight.

By following these instructions you should be able to keep your beautiful Angoras in excellent health.

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Not Page One



California living ... in Ashdod

By Sam Orbaum

There's a banyan tree in Ashdod that seems to have been there since biblical days. Or at least since before 1956, when this cement-white welcome mat off the Mediterranean arose out of the desert.

If Zionism were a tree, it would be the banyan, maybe even this particular banyan outside the Cafe Eden (tosim, salatin, omeletim and the like). It's a grand old soul that dispatches shoots from its branches to root into secondary trunks. Like the way this country was settled in the good old days, you should pardon the lyrical patriotism.

Say "Ashdod" and one of every three Israelis will think you mean Ashkelon. The other two will shrug. The Ashdodis like it that way. "Don't write about us," one local pleaded jokingly. "This city's the best-kept secret in Israel."

Anita Raymond, a New Jersey native who volunteered to show me Ashdod's hot spots - you laugh? - pointed out that whatever else this city has to boast about, a tourist industry is not among them. It seems they don't want a tourist industry.

If they did, you'd already see a Hilton, Moriah and Shearson looming over the old Byzantine ruin, from

It's a weekly Israeli mirage, up from nothing in the middle of the desert: your garden-variety fruits-and-veg vendors, shmanets and shmonizes, alte zachen and Ashdod's consumerist claim to fame, the Russian Corner, where you can buy a leather jacket naturally softened by the fierce midday sun. Put it on and shvitz.

You want architecture? It's worth a special trip to see a building called the Mimonia. I couldn't possibly describe it. Anita tried to help. "An ungepachter Garden of Allah." (Neither my computer spell-check nor thesaurus recognizes "ungepachter"; if you don't know Yiddish, just let your imagination run wild.) It's an unabashedly chintzy Moroccan entertainment hall, a cross between a Mecca mosque and a prize-winning sand castle. That's the best I can do.

A bit less weird is the giant teapot and teacup in the middle of a grassy traffic circle near Da Vinci Street. Asked what on earth this Wonderland monument might symbolize, Anita suggested a fond salute to the British Mandate.

And why not? Ashdod has what must be the country's only memorial to the enemy: a towering obelisk

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which you could hang a board and dive right into the Med. Well, almost.

Hotels? Anita laughed, and I understood why when she showed me one of the city's two: it is quite unique, with its distinctive crack all the way down its exterior.

Anita, 50, elegant and urbane yet as unaffected as her workmanlike town - she'd look right in a stretch limo, but in fact she gets around on a bicycle - lives in an upscale neighborhood that could smugly call itself the artists' colony. Van Gogh Street, Beethoven Street, Brahms, Chopin, Rembrandt, Victor Hugo Streets. She lives on "M. Angelo," next to the ostentatious Gruzini mansion with the three gold lions on the gate. "I assume it's meant to be 'Michelangelo Street,'" she said, "but for all I know the M could stand for Modi or Mendel." (When she gave me directions, she added: "If you find yourself on Rabbi Sereas, you'll know you're lost.")

The villas came later, you understand. Modern Ashdod first broke ground as a *ma'abarot*, before that it was an Arab village, and before that, one of the chief Philistine cities when there were well Philistines around.

The *ma'abarot* - not the original tents, but the enhanced plaster hovels - are still standing, still in use. "The Californim," Anita called them.

"The what?" She grinned. "The Californim. The new immigrants in the '50s thought that's what homes in California must look like." An Oakland beggar's toolshed, maybe.

(On the way to the Californim, we were stopped by a fat guy in a little car. "Allo, where's Miami?" he hollered at us. Anita told him, then without waiting for the obvious question, explained to her ignorant journalist companion that it's *also* the name of a beach in Ashdod. I didn't have to ask which was named for which.)

Lucky I came on a Wednesday, because that's Souk Day in Ashdod.

THERE'S A defiance of human nature to this city, an apparent lack of tension between population groups that shouldn't get along so well, a naive camaraderie instead of antagonism: hell, this is a city that has doubled its size to 130,000 citizens in a couple of decades, with nary a grunt of growing pains.

Maybe it's because, to a large extent, the earlier Moroccan arrivals live in their own neighborhood, the swarms of Russian newcomers in theirs, the haredim in theirs.

It's wrong, I know, but people here get along.

If the haredi neighborhood is a hotspot on Anita's itinerary, it's because what's boiling is the temperature, not tempers. Although this is the third largest concentration of haredim in the country, there's a tranquility, a civil consciousness conspicuously missing in rolling Mea Shearim and Bnei Brak.

That's Ashdod. Nothing brash about it, not some place you'd want to visit, but a place to live, quietly. Wide avenues, neat public squares, a blue ribbon of surf, on the perimeters a vast and proud industrial sprawl, and decent folk goin' to work, comin' home and gettin' dolled up for an Ashdod evening out - a couple of hours folk dancing and then a beer and boureka under the banyan.

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Mail infatuation

By RUTHIE BLUM

Dear Ruthie, My daughter, who has just turned 14, is infatuated with a British pop star. It started about 18 months ago, when she first saw him on MTV.

Over the period since then, she has been collecting all kinds of paraphernalia related to the singer, and has established phone/e-mail/letter contact with like-minded teenagers in Israel and in Europe.

My husband and I are appalled by the language she uses in her e-mails and letters. (We live in a small apartment; it is not that we snoop.)

In her correspondence she uses explicit sexual terms, involving, for example, her desire to "rape" the singer, etc. Not only does she write this kind of thing in the letters, but she does so on the outside of the envelope for all to see (next to our return address).

One Israeli e-mail pal left a message in our "mailbox" telling our daughter to refrain from using swear words, as her father reads the e-mail.

We have seen the letters my daughter receives from other girls in Europe.

My daughter often reads them to me. They do not contain the type of language our daughter uses.

We have tried to tell her that it's fine to write to girls around

the world, but the use of her terrible language reflects badly on her, on our family and on Israel.

Clearly, she feels we are infringing her privacy when we try to counsel her. Now, my daughter sometimes asks me or my husband to mail her letters for her. I used to refuse, but my husband feels that it's an opportunity to take the letters and throw them away. It is against my upbringing to do this, but I feel there is no other way. Is there a better way to handle this?

Teenage Troubled, Somewhere in Israel

Dear TT, Throwing away your daughter's letters can be no more a basis for educating her in proper values than it can for retaining

her respect. Judging by the openness which your daughter has been exhibiting up until now, there is much room for bringing her around without having to resort to lying and sneaking. After all, these are activities you would not wish her to engage in.

Regarding the use of foul language: Though no parent can guarantee that his child will adhere to certain codes of behavior when out of his earshot, it is nevertheless perfectly legitimate to demand that certain codes be adhered to within the home.

Since the mail sent by your daughter emanates from your home, it is your right as the adults in that home to lay down rules about its contents. Particularly since it is you, the parents, who are footing the bills for this correspondence.

This logic is something which must be presented to your daughter.

Perhaps it will hit home harder than any philosophical ideas about how her language "reflects badly on herself, her family, and on Israel." Another argument you can use in your favor has to do with the request on the part of a contemporary of your daughter's that she ease up on the swearing - due to the fact that her own parents might see and be offended by the mail.

But before sitting her down to a heart-to-heart, you might ask yourselves why she has been involving you in her pop-star infatuation.

Not only has she been reading mail she receives from other girls, but she has been writing obscenities openly, and even asking you to send her mail for her. Perhaps she is "begging" to be disciplined.

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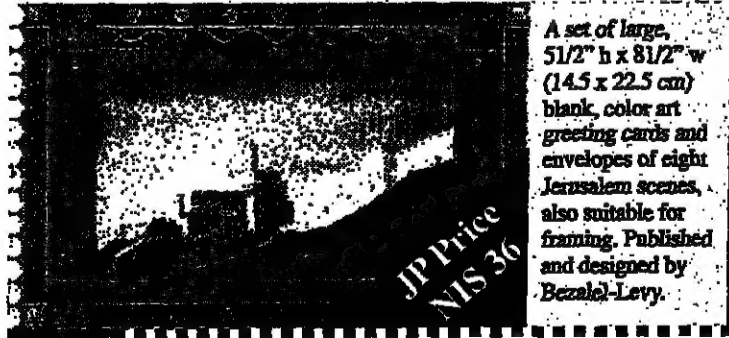
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Ince to Liverpool, Lombardo to Palace

LONDON (Reuters) — Liverpool said on Friday they had signed Paul Ince from Internazionale for \$4.2 million, bringing the unsettled England midfielder home after two seasons in Italy.

Liverpool's official Clubcall line said vice-chairman Peter Robinson returned from Italy with Ince's signature on Thursday night.

Ince will fly to England tomorrow and begin training with his new mates on Tuesday with a view to playing in Wednesday's friendly against Bristol City.

The move was widely expected, with Ince having already announced he would be leaving Inter and Liverpool manager Roy Evans saying last Wednesday that he hoped to sort out the transfer details in the next few days.

The former England captain had been linked to several Premier League clubs, including Arsenal and Blackburn, after months of speculation about his future. The latter club are managed by his former Inter coach Roy Hodgson.

Meanwhile, Crystal Palace announced yesterday that they had agreed a \$2.1m deal for Juventus winger Attilio Lombardo.

The newly-promoted Premier League club said that chairman Ron Noades had met officials from the Turin team yesterday morning and reached agreement on the transfer.

The bald-headed Lombardo, a speedy winger who made his debut for Italy in 1990 while at Sampdoria, joined the Italian champions two seasons ago and had a year left on his contract.

He battled back from a broken leg injury in 1995 and last season put in some good performances for Juve. But new arrivals meant he faced increased competition to get a game for the Turin club.

Auspicious start for Padres' Romero

MIAMI (AP) — Armando Romero, a 10-year minor leaguer brought up this week, homered in his first major league start Friday night and the San Diego Padres beat the Florida Marlins 5-3.

The Padres won their fifth straight road game, overcoming Edgar Renteria's two solo home runs. Renteria had his third straight three-hit day, but struck out with runners on first and second to end the game.

Romero, 29, was promoted Sunday from Triple-A Las Vegas after backup catcher Carlos Hernandez was placed on the disabled list.

The switch-hitter went 2-for-4 and scored twice against the Marlins. Romero, a Miami native, was hitless in his only at-bat this week before singling during a four-run burst in the third inning. He homered in the fourth for a 5-0 lead.

Astros 2, Expos 0
Ramon Garcia pitched eight scoreless innings to outduel Pedro Martinez and help Houston to a home win.

Garcia (4-7), who joined the Astros' rotation June 17 when Shane Reynolds was placed on the disabled list, scattered six hits, struck out six and walked two before leaving for a pinch-hitter.

Luis Gonzalez had three hits for the Astros, who won for the eighth time in 11 games.

Billy Wagner put two on in the ninth before getting his 16th save. Martinez (11-5) allowed two runs and seven hits in seven innings and saw his NL-leading ERA rise slightly from 1.62 to 1.67.

Braves 4, Dodgers 1
Denny Neagle joined teammate Greg Maddux as the NL's only 13-game winners and Andrew Jones hit a two-run homer for host Atlanta.

Neagle (13-2) threw a five-hitter over eight innings to beat the youngest pitcher in the majors, 20-year-old Dennis Reyes.

The Atlanta left-hander allowed only one runner past first until the seventh, when Raul Mondesi led off with his 19th homer.

Neagle wasn't rattled after losing his shutout, retiring six straight hitters before he was removed for a pinch-hitter. Mark Wohlers worked the ninth for his 24th save.

Reyes (1-1), making his second start since being called up by the Dodgers when Ismael Valdes was hurt, allowed nine hits and four runs in 6½ innings and also lost a duel with baseball's youngest player.

Jones, who is four days younger

than Reyes, lined his eighth homer into the left-field stands in the second after Fred McGriff started the inning with a single.

Cardinals 6, Giants 5
Stan Javier, forced to make a rare start at first base after J.T. Snow accidentally scratched his eye, made a wild throw to help the Cardinals break a six-game home losing streak.

Ron Gant homered as the Cardinals beat All-Star Shawn Estes (12-4).

Snow scratched his left cornea before the game when he scraped it while gesturing during a conversation, and was listed as day-to-day. In spring training, Snow sustained a broken bone in his left eye socket when he was hit by a pitch from Seattle's Randy Johnson.

Javier, usually an outfielder, made his third start of the season at first base and it cost the Giants in the third when his throw home was wild, allowing two runs to score.

Phillies 8, Pirates 6
Mickey Morandini's three-run double capped an eight-run sixth inning for host Philadelphia.

Mark Leiter (5-10) struck out a season-high nine in six innings for his first win since May 20.

Ricky Bottalico pitched the final two innings for his 16th save.

A rare error by left fielder Al Martin and the bullpen's inability to throw strikes proved costly to Pittsburgh in the sixth, when the Phillies tied their season high for runs in an inning.

Mets 4, Reds 3
Joe Crawford relieved Bobby Jones following a long rain delay and got his first major-league victory for host New York.

Crawford (1-1) pitched 4½ innings after replacing Jones, who gave up a homer to Ed Thoenes in the second inning before the game was halted for 1 hour, 28 minutes by a thunderstorm.

Crawford, making just his seventh major-league appearance, gave up two runs and three hits in tying the longest stint of his brief career.

John Franco pitched 1½ innings for his 24th save, striking out three.

The Mets have been involved in six straight one-run games, going 3-3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
White Sox 3, Orioles 0
James Baldwin allowed two hits in seven-plus innings and a wild pitch by Mike Mussina produced the lead run as visiting Chicago broke a four-game skid.

Albert Belle hit his 21st homer in the eighth as the White Sox sent Baltimore



NIPPED — Orioles catcher Chris Hoiles puts the tag on Chicago's Ozzie Guillen who attempted to score from third on a ninth-inning fly ball to left field. The Sox shut out Baltimore 3-0.

to its ninth loss in 11 games.

The only hits off Baldwin (7-9) were a fifth-inning single by Cal Ripken and a single by Mike Bordick leading off the eighth.

After Bordick's single, Tony Castillo came in and retired the side.

Roberto Hernandez allowed one hit but got three outs for his 24th save.

Mussina (10-4) gave up seven hits and walked one in eight innings.

Red Sox 7, Indians 0
Tim Wakefield pitched his first shutout in two years with a six-hitter, and Jeff Frye had three hits and three RBIs for the visiting Sox.

Wakefield (4-10) baffled the Indians with his knuckleball, winning a classic contest in styles over Bartolo Colon. He struck out nine and walked four in his second straight complete game and first win since June 25 at Toronto.

It was Wakefield's first shutout since July 9, 1995, a 7-0 win at Minnesota.

Colon (2-3) yielded five runs on eight singles and two home runs in six innings. The hard-throwing right-hander, who pitched a no-hitter June 20 at Class AAA Buffalo, was making his first start at Jacobs Field.

Brewers 6, Yankees 4
Jerome Burnitz hit a three-run homer and Jeff D'Amico pitched strongly into the seventh inning to give Milwaukee a home win.

Jeff Cirillo added a home run and Jack Voigt had a solo shot as the Brewers stopped the Yankees' three-game winning streak.

D'Amico (8-4) gave up a two-run homer to Paul O'Neill in the first, but then held the Yankees scoreless until Chad Curtis hit a leadoff homer in the seventh.

D'Amico, who has won six of his last seven starts, faced two more batters before leaving with a runner on second. Bob Wickman ended the inning, and Mike Peters pitched 1½ innings for his first save since last September 18.

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Minnesota 42 52 .447 10½
Kansas City 37 54 .407 14

West Division
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Mac Tel Aviv signs Griffith as center

Perennial national basketball champion Mac Tel Aviv on Friday closed a deal to bring 22-year-old Richard Griffith to the club for one season.

Griffith, a 200-meter center, has played for Maccabi Tel Aviv during the past two seasons where, according to Maccabi chairman Shimon Mizrahi, his per-game average was 19 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists.

Mizrahi told Israeli sports media that he had signed Griffith, who would be the club's first foreign player, and that the arrival of Griffith, who would be the club's first foreign player, would be a major boost for the team.

—Israel Sports Staff

Johnson, Smith hit tons as Leicester beat Kent

LONDON (Reuters) — South African Neil Johnson and Ben Smith hit unbeaten centuries and put on 225 to spur English county champions Leicestershire to a six-wicket win over Kent yesterday.

Leicestershire, needing 365 to win, were swept to success on the fourth and final day at Canterbury by Johnson's 117 not out and Smith's 121 not out after slipping to 142 for four.

A definite result was achieved following three declarations in the rain-interrupted match as the champions, 20 without loss overnight, got home at 367 for four with 4.3 overs to spare.

Johnson, who completed his hundred in 192 balls, made his runs altogether off 221 deliveries, hitting 10 fours, while Smith reached three figures in 164 balls and made his total runs from 190 deliveries, striking 17 boundaries.

A direct throw from Rob Bailey to run out Paul Grayson prevented second-placed Essex from going top of the table, and gave Northants victory by 15 runs at Northampton.

Essex, chasing a target of 306, slipped to 225 for eight before Grayson hit eight fours and a six in his 62 and put on 52 for the ninth wicket with Neil Williams.

However, Essex were thwarted in their quest to snatch victory when Bailey brilliantly dived onto a ball which Peter Such steered through the slips, and his throw shattered the stumps with Grayson short of the crease.

Off-spinner Jeremy Snape, who had taken only five championship wickets this season, helped to swing the match towards Northants with a spell of three wickets for one run in seven balls.

South African fast bowler Allan

Donald claimed the 50th five-wicket haul of his career in vain as Warwickshire had to settle for a draw against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Donald captured five for 98 but Warwickshire were frustrated by a Notts fightback in which they scored 415 all out after following on 211 behind.

Warwickshire were left to score 205 in 32 overs to win, a task that proved well beyond them after slumping to eight for three, and they finished on 95 for four.

Lancashire crushed Sussex by an innings and 18 runs, their first championship win at Old Trafford since they beat Northants in July 1995.

Sussex, following on 254 behind, were bowled out for 236, their fourth defeat in five matches.

Meanwhile, Lancashire's Pakistan all-rounder Wasim Akram goes into hospital this weekend for an operation on the shoulder injury which has wrecked his season.

He will need the rest of the northern summer to recover but Lancashire are hoping he will be fully fit to return in 1998 for his testimonial and the last year of his contract.

Glamorgan, who were not involved in the current round of matches, stay top on 139 points. Essex are second on 128 and Gloucestershire third with 125.

County Championship

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Sports Editors: Joseph Hoffman and Omer

NEW YORK (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers should feel a little better about their respective defensive backfields, thanks to some key free-agent signings.

Rod Woodson, an All-Pro cornerback, formally signed with the 49ers on Wednesday, while Seth Joyner, an All-Pro linebacker, hooked up with the Packers.

"I'm here now and I'm a 49er," Woodson said at a press conference announcing his signing with San Francisco. "I just want to blend in here."

In formally signing with the 49ers, Woodson ended a three-week negotiation with San Francisco and a 10-year association with the Pittsburgh Steelers. A seven-time Pro Bowl selection and NFL defensive player of the year, Woodson isn't expected to have too much trouble adjusting.

"He brings so much to the table because he's been so good for so long," 49ers coach Steve Mariucci said. "We're going to force-feed him and get him ready as fast as we possibly can."

Woodson became a free agent following last season, when he returned from a career-threatening knee injury that had sidelined him for virtually all of 1995. Terms of the three-year deal weren't released.

In allowing Woodson to get away, the Steelers lost another accomplished player in the free-agent market. All-Pro linebacker Chad Brown earlier had left Pittsburgh to sign a six-year, \$24 million deal with Seattle.

Brown was among 89 unrestricted free agents to switch teams during the five-month signing period that ended July 15.

Meanwhile, Joyner was expected to give the Packers a lift at linebacker. He has played in three Pro Bowls and is entering his 12th NFL season.

Joyner, who had played in Philadelphia and Atlanta, signed a four-year deal reportedly worth \$6m. He is expected to replace George Koonce, out following reconstructive knee surgery.

Joyner, 32, is reuniting with Reggie White, his teammate and buddy with the Eagles, in hopes of finally reaching the Super Bowl.

"He's really a nice piece of the puzzle for this season for us," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said. "He's still a very, very fine football player."

Falcons

Michael Booker, a cornerback



HELP WANTED — Packers coach Mike Holmgren, shown here after last season's Super Bowl win, looks forward to Seth Joyner strengthening the linebacker corps.

out of Nebraska and the 11th overall pick in this year's draft, agreed to a five-year contract with the Falcons that included a \$2.2m signing bonus.

"My goal is to be in the starting spot. I expect that of myself," Booker said. "I'm feeling more comfortable now after the mini-camps."

Rams

The Rams signed free safety Ron Carpenter, a World Football League player who had played for three NFL teams.

The move came one day after the Rams waived cornerback Anthony Parker, a starter last year, because he wouldn't accept a

salary cut. Parker was demoted to nickel back after the Rams signed free agent Ryan McNeil on July 7.

Carpenter, 27, played at Miami of Ohio and wasn't drafted, but he played seven games for Minnesota and six for Cincinnati in 1993. He played in 13 games for the New York Jets in 1995.

Cardinals

The Cardinals gave cornerback Tom Knight a five-year, \$8.22m contract Wednesday, completing negotiations with all of their draft picks and veteran free agents before training camp.

Knight's package includes a \$3.74m bonus.

The rookie from Iowa, the ninth

overall pick in the draft, is viewed as a possible solution to Arizona's problem at right cornerback, a position tested every Sunday because teams usually avoid Aeneas Williams, who plays the left side.

Knight set career records with the Hawkeyes with 10 interceptions for 237 return yards and three touchdowns.

Oilers

The Oilers have a big hole in their offensive line: 11-year veteran right tackle Irv Eatman is out until at least October.

Eatman ripped a bicep muscle in his shoulder at minicamp in early June and had surgery June 13.

Vying for his job are second-year player Jon Runyan, former Tennessee star Jason Layman and Melvin Hayes, who joined the Oilers after two seasons of virtual inactivity with the Jets.

Patriots

Running back-kick returner Dave Meggett, scheduled to make \$1.5m this season, didn't report for Thursday's opening of camp. The Patriots, seeking more salary-cap room, want to cut that salary by half.

Meggett missed a mandatory minicamp last month and was the only player who didn't show up for Wednesday's physicals and conditioning drills.

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in brief

MKs demand deal to end psychologists' strike

With the psychologists' strike entering its ninth week, three coalition MKs have said they will not vote with the government in the Knesset Finance Committee until the Treasury reaches agreement with the strikers.

Without the three, Yitzhak Cohen (Shas), Zvi Hendel (NRP), and Yehuda Harel (The Third Way), the government is effectively a minority in the committee, and the opposition can introduce and pass its own proposals or block government measures. It is unacceptable that psychologists work one-and-a-half times the average week, but only receive a minimum wage, Cohen said. David Harris

UK court allows mother, child back to Israel

A British family court on Friday allowed an Israeli citizen to return to Israel with her daughter, with whom she had fled from her allegedly abusive British husband. The woman, originally from a kibbutz in the North, left her husband several months ago, claiming he was violent, and fled from Britain to Israel with the child.

A court subsequently ordered the woman to return to Britain pending the custody case, which she won last week. *Itim*

Netanyahu to visit Kazakhstan, too

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has added the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan to his next month's Asian itinerary, which already includes Japan and South Korea. The tentative departure date is August 24, but Netanyahu may move this forward a few days to allow time for talks with Kazakh leaders in their capital, Tashkent, before proceeding to the Far East. In any case, his director of communications, David Bar-Ilan, said the prime minister must be in Tokyo for a public appearance August 25. Netanyahu, who will be accompanied by his wife, Sara, is expected to be away for one week. *Jay Bushinsky*

J'lem Film Festival rejects Iranian criticism

The organizers of the Jerusalem Film Festival, which ended last night, have rejected criticism by Iran's state cinema foundation of their screening of Iranian movies.

"The directors of the festival are proud to show the films in Jerusalem, especially in consideration of the fact that they were legally purchased for commercial distribution in Israel," the statement said, adding that the films were being shown because of their "high artistic merit and humanitarian message."

Iran's official news agency said last week that the Farabi Cinema Foundation had denounced the screenings as "a plot hatched by Europe and the illegal state of Israel." *AP*

First Internet summer camp opens

Israel's first Internet summer camp opens today in Jerusalem for school pupils and their grandparents. The summer camp is aimed at "bridging the technological information gap between grandchildren and grandparents," the Education Ministry said in a statement announcing the week-long event. Some 20 people will spend the week cruising the local and international information highway. *Itim*

'PM skirted rules to get Filipino nanny'

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu skirted official criteria to get a permit to hire a Filipino nanny for his two children, MK Ofir Pines (Labor) charged on Friday. The story was also the front page lead of the Jerusalem local *Kol Ha'ir* on Friday.

Instead of going through normal channels at the Employment Service, Netanyahu went straight to the director for permission to hire a Filipino nanny, Pines said.

"We are trying to deal with the problem of foreign workers in Israel, then the prime minister does something like this," Pines said. "It is a bad example."

An official in the Prime Minister's Office denied the allegation and said: "All proper procedures are being followed meticulously." *AP*

Japanese defense minister arrives today

Japanese Defense Minister Fumio Kyuma is due to visit Israel today. He will meet with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai as well as travel to the Golan Heights, where a small unit from the Japanese army is stationed. Kyuma's two-day visit will mark the first time that a Japanese defense minister has ever visited Israel. He will be accompanied by top military officials and will also travel to Syria. Netanyahu is to visit Japan in August. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Antisemites find new ways to convey message - the Net

LONDON - Violent outbreaks of antisemitism declined in most countries last year but extremists turned to new means, particularly the Internet, to convey their message, a report released on Friday said.

The Antisemitism World Report surveyed 60 countries and found that, while some forms of religious hatred decreased, it persisted in cyberspace, through Holocaust denial, in neo-Nazi youth culture and in Islamist antisemitism.

"The Internet remains a growth area for the publication and dissemination of antisemitism, and neo-Nazi and Holocaust deniers

claim that it presents them with an opportunity to achieve a breakthrough in terms of influencing the wider public," the report said.

Despite the potential dangers and problems policing the Internet, experts found that, so far at least, it had not proved any more dangerous than other methods of conveying antisemitism. Because of the sheer volume of information on the worldwide web, antisemitic material constitutes a very small part of the overall content and it was counteracted by anti-racist information, they said.

The report prepared by the

Institute for Jewish Policy Research and the American Jewish Committee also noted that interaction on the Internet could even help to defuse potentially volatile situations.

"If battles with them [antisemites] are fought out on the Net rather than in the streets, that constitutes an interesting development," it said.

The report also found that while racist activity had remained high or increased in some countries, antisemitic activity had been static or declined.

"It's partly because it simply doesn't resonate with the public as

it used to. If you use antisemitic slogans, it just doesn't have the appeal," said Anthony Lerman, director of the Institute for Jewish Policy Research.

In Germany, antisemitic offenses dropped 11 percent in 1996 from the year before and the United States showed a 7% decline for the same period. In Austria the number of cases halved and France reported only a slight variation in 1996 following a sharp rise two years earlier. Australia, which reported a 12% increase, was the only country to register a rise in antisemitic incidents over 1995. (Reuters)

Yishai: There's no place to cut

By DAVID HARRIS

Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai has called an urgent meeting in his ministry today to decide how to vote on the planned NIS 800 million budget cut later this week.

On Friday, he told Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman there is nowhere for him to cut his ministry's budget.

The Labor and Social Affairs Ministry is facing an NIS 13m. cut, as Ne'eman attempts to reduce the budget deficit so it can meet the 1997 legal target of 2.8 percent of the gross domestic product.

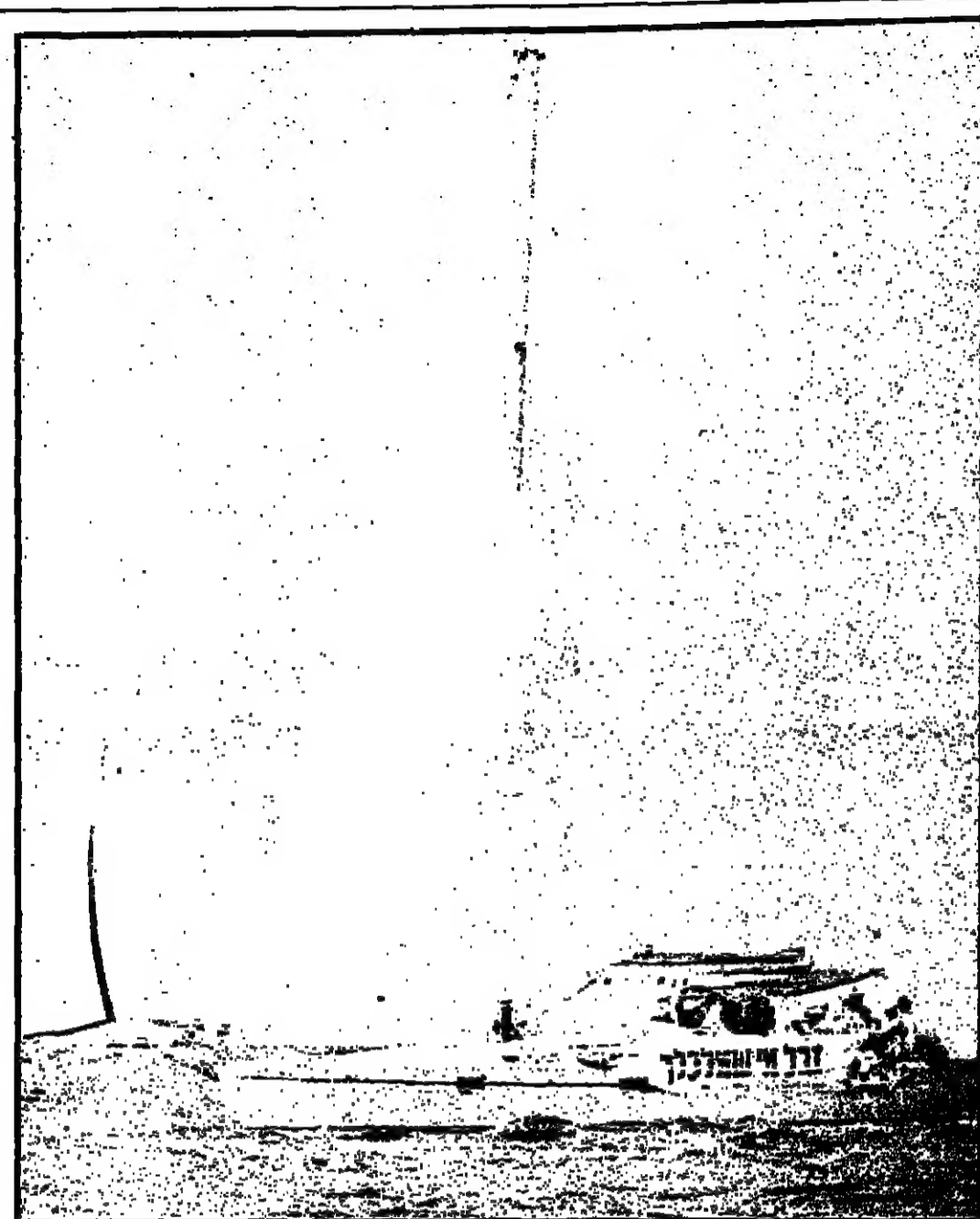
Originally, Ne'eman was to call today on the cabinet to approve the budget cuts, but last week Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu decided to dedicate a special cabinet meeting to the subject; this now seems likely to take place on Tuesday.

Both Netanyahu and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel, who is also the government's economics adviser, approved the general cut last Tuesday. Until then it appeared as though the cuts were to total NIS 600m.

However, following a meeting between Ne'eman, Netanyahu, and Frenkel, the Treasury decided to cut an additional NIS 180m. This is money that was budgeted to come from US aid, which will now go to Jordan rather than Israel, and a further NIS 20m. to come out of ministry budgets to pay for new gas masks.

Despite reservations among Treasury officials, it now seems as though the cut will be made equally across the board, with the exception of the Defense and Education ministries.

Following the discussion of 1997 government expenditure, the cabinet is expected next week to turn its attention for the first time to next year's spending program.



Sailing for a clean sea

A yacht bearing the Environment Ministry slogan 'Whoever Litters is Trash,' sails off Herzliya yesterday, one of more than 100 vessels participating in a sailing competition, as part of a two-day event under the slogan, 'We deserve a clean sea.'

(Assaf Shilo/Israel Sun)

Streisand to chair Jewish women's institute

Jerusalem Post Staff and news agencies

American singer, actress, and director Barbra Streisand has been named honorary chairman of a newly founded center for the study of Jewish women.

The establishment of the International Research Institute on

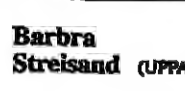
Jewish Women, sponsored by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, and located at Brandeis University, was announced at Hadassah's 83rd national convention in Chicago last week.

Its board of directors includes a string of distinguished men and women from around the world.

"I have always been bothered by negative stereotypes about us, and in my films I have always tried to show Jewish women in a positive light," said Streisand, who was named last Tuesday as the institute's honorary chair.

Hadassah has committed at least \$1.5 million over the next six years to establish and endow the first-of-its-kind institute.

"Barbra Streisand's participation in the institute is a clear indication of its magnitude, as she lends her time and energy only to those projects that can have a real impact on people's lives," said Marlene Post, Hadassah's national president.



Barbra Streisand (UPPA)

Winning Cards

The winning cards in Friday's Chance draw were the jack of spades, 10 of hearts, 10 of diamonds and jack of clubs.

Australian Jewish family first to get Swiss Shoah funds

SYDNEY (Reuters) - An Australian Jewish family yesterday said it had made a successful claim for funds held in a Swiss bank belonging to a Holocaust victim.

The deal was made three weeks ago in Zurich between Sydney accountant Stephen Baruch and the Union Bank of Switzerland, Baruch told Reuters yesterday.

"It is the first such deal in Australia and we believe, according to our solicitor, the first such claim in the world," Baruch said, adding that he could not disclose the amount involved, as the agreement with the Swiss bank is confidential.

Baruch said his grandfather, Salomon Buzynner, deposited his money in a secret Swiss account to protect his family's assets from the Nazis during World War II. The wealthy Polish mill owner made his secret deposit with the Union Bank of Switzerland in 1938, but during the war the family's fortune was dispersed. Buzynner died in Italy and his extended family moved to Australia.

Swiss banks have said they would publish a first list of pre-1945 dormant accounts on July 23, using the Internet and other media to spread the information internationally.

An independent international arbitration panel will resolve the claims, according to a June statement from the Swiss Federal Banking Commission and a Swiss-Jewish commission.

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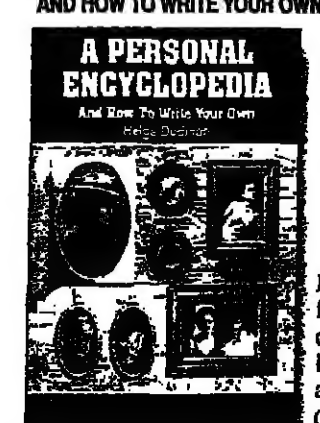


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In the Newport (I.O.W.) County Court, United Kingdom

Case No. N1750985

To: Lionel Reuben Rodgers

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Copies of the summons and other relevant documents may be obtained from the Chief Clerk at the County Court at the above address, or from the solicitors mentioned below.

Dated July 17, 1997

Adams and Remers
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